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BASSEM YELLAWI/AP

Cartoon Outrage Spreads

FIRESTORM: About 300 Syrians protest in front of the Danish embassy in Damascus on Thursday, demanding that those responsible for publishing caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad be tried. Outrage over the cartoons, first printed in a Danish newspaper and then reprinted by other European papers, escalated Thursday. Islam forbids visual depictions of the prophet and regards violations by non-Muslims as the ultimate sort of insult. ♦ **Outbursts:** Protests spread in Arab world | **Page 6**

Boehner To Lead In House

Upset win over Blunt signals GOP concern over scandals

WASHINGTON | Rep. John Boehner of Ohio won election Thursday as House majority leader, promising a steady hand and a helping of reform for Republicans staggered by election-year scandal.

Boehner, who replaces indicted Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, said the GOP "must act swiftly to restore the trust between Congress and the American people."

He defeated Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri on a vote of 122-109 by House Republicans after trailing his rival in an inconclusive first round. Blunt, who has close ties to DeLay, had been the front-runner in a race to replace him. Blunt retains his post as GOP whip, third-ranking in the leadership behind Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois and Boehner.

Boehner and DeLay have clashed repeatedly over the years, but the election had scarcely ended when Democrats launched an effort to depict the winner as a continuation of the status quo.

As leader, Boehner's first challenge will be to work with Hastert and the rank and file to find consensus on legislation designed to curtail the influence of lobbyists in Congress. (AP)

INTRUDERS | **Something Doesn't Add Up** Officials are investigating a break-in at a Klaebu, Norway, elementary school, though nothing was stolen. Instead, the intruders sat down and solved math problems that had been intended for third-grade



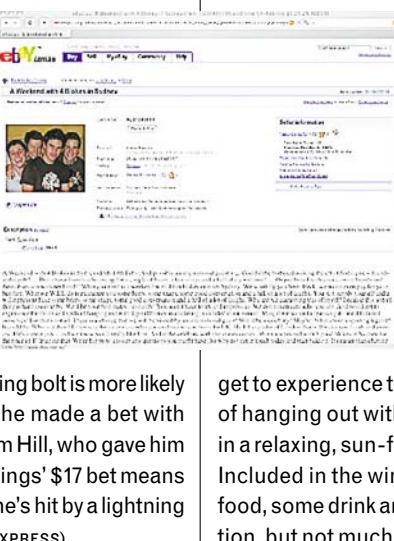
students, the *Ardresseavisen* newspaper reported. Police said the math was done correctly and all of the problems' answers were right. Though nothing has been recorded as missing, authorities are looking into it. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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WAGERS

Now He's Got to Take Up Kite-Flying

A man in Torquay, England, who was upset about failing to win the lottery during a couple years of play has placed a bet that he will be struck by lightning, the Western Daily Press reported. Laurence Hewings said that after "a couple bad years" luck-wise at the lottery, he came to believe being struck with a lightning bolt is more likely than winning. So he made a bet with bookmaker William Hill, who gave him 1,000-1 odds. Hewings' \$17 bet means he'll win \$17,000 if he's hit by a lightning strike and lives. (EXPRESS)



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One good use of your money is to put it in an account and sit on it. And now, you don't even have to put it in an account first, thanks to these plastic benches in the shape of \$100 bills. The seats have been built outside the Korea Exchange Bank in Seoul; bank officials are hoping the "lucky" benches will attract more clients. The public cash-adorned amenities are also a great way for people who dislike Benjamin Franklin to express their disdain. (EXPRESS)

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Opossums without loving upbringings are more likely to end up as roadkill.

ADOPTION

You Can Play Possum, Just Not for Keeps

Possessing a possum without a permit puts people at peril. At least in New York, where it's illegal, which an Owego couple found out Wednesday when they were convicted on those charges after rescuing a baby opossum they found in their back yard. Tina and John Laskowski were hauled into court after a state conservation officer was tipped off that the couple had adopted the tiny marsupial a few months ago. (AP)

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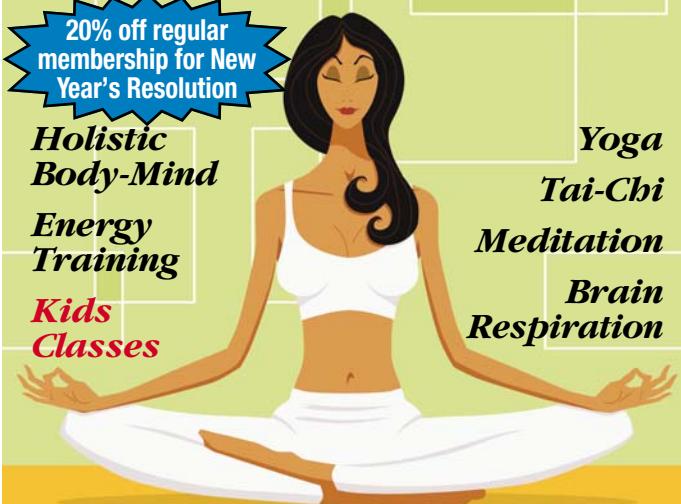
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Nation

In Brief

WEST WARWICK, R.I.

Secret Service Investigates Student Over School Essay

The Secret Service is investigating a seventh-grader who wrote a school essay that authorities say advocated violence against President Bush, talk show host Oprah Winfrey and others. The boy's homework assignment for English class was to write what he would do on a perfect day. In addition to the president and Winfrey, the boy wrote that violence should be directed at executives of Coca-Cola and Wal-Mart, police and school officials said. (AP)

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

Armed Teen Opens Fire at Gay Bar, Injuring 3 Patrons

A young man dressed all in black went on a rampage at a gay bar with a hatchet and a gun Thursday, wounding three patrons in what police said appeared to be a hate crime. One victim was in critical condition with head wounds. Police were searching for 18-year-old Jacob D. Robida, who was wanted on charges of attempted murder, assault and civil-rights violations. (AP)

NASA's Troubled Times?

→ An FBI-led watchdog agency is looking into complaints that NASA Inspector General Robert W. Cobb failed to investigate safety violations. | Today, A Section

IN The Washington Post

Intel Chiefs: Leaks Undermine Work

Negroponte defends wiretapping program as crucial for security

WASHINGTON | U.S. intelligence officials told Congress on Thursday that disclosure of once-classified projects like President Bush's no-warrent eavesdropping program have undermined their work.

"The damage has been very severe to our capabilities to carry out our mission," CIA Director Porter Goss told the Senate Intelligence Committee, citing disclosures about a variety of CIA programs

that he suggested may have been compromised.

Goss said a federal grand jury should be empaneled to determine "who is leaking this information."

Democratic panel members accused the Bush administration of wanting to have it both ways.

"The president has not only confirmed the existence of the program, he has spoken at length about it repeatedly," while keeping Congress in the dark, said Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, the panel's senior Democrat.

Leaders of the nation's intelligence agencies appeared before

the panel in a rare public session to give a rundown on threats facing the world.

Committee Democrats sought to change the focus to the president's decision to authorize the National Security Agency to eavesdrop — without first obtaining warrants — on communications to and from those in the United States and terror suspects abroad.

National Intelligence Director



Negroponte

John Negroponte, who oversees all intelligence activities, strongly defended the program, calling it crucial for protecting the nation against its most menacing threat.

Two defendants in terrorism cases have asked a federal judge to determine if any evidence against them came from eavesdropping.

On the specific question of assessing the terrorist threat, Negroponte called al Qaeda and associated terror groups the "top concern" of the U.S. intelligence community, followed closely by the nuclear activities of Iran and North Korea.

KATHERINE SHRADER (AP)

ALASKA | OIL TANKER RUNS AGROUND



AL GRILLO/AP

BEACHED: A 575-foot tanker, the Seabulk Pride, sits aground in Nikiski, Alaska, on Thursday after breaking loose while being loaded with fuel. The accident spilled less than 100 gallons of fuel into Cook Inlet.

2 Tornadoes Strike Weary New Orleans

KENNER, LA. | Tornadoes tore through New Orleans neighborhoods Thursday that had been hit hard by Hurricane Katrina just five months earlier, collapsing at least one previously damaged house and battering the airport, authorities said.

Roofs were ripped off, utility poles came down and a radio tower fell near a major thoroughfare, but no serious injuries were reported.

"Don't ever ask the question, 'What else could happen?'" said Marcia Paul Leone, surveying the new damage to her Katrina-



Tornadoes damaged many homes in the Lakeview area of New Orleans Thursday.

flooded home.

Electricity was knocked out for most of the morning at Louis Armstrong International Airport, grounding passenger flights. (AP)

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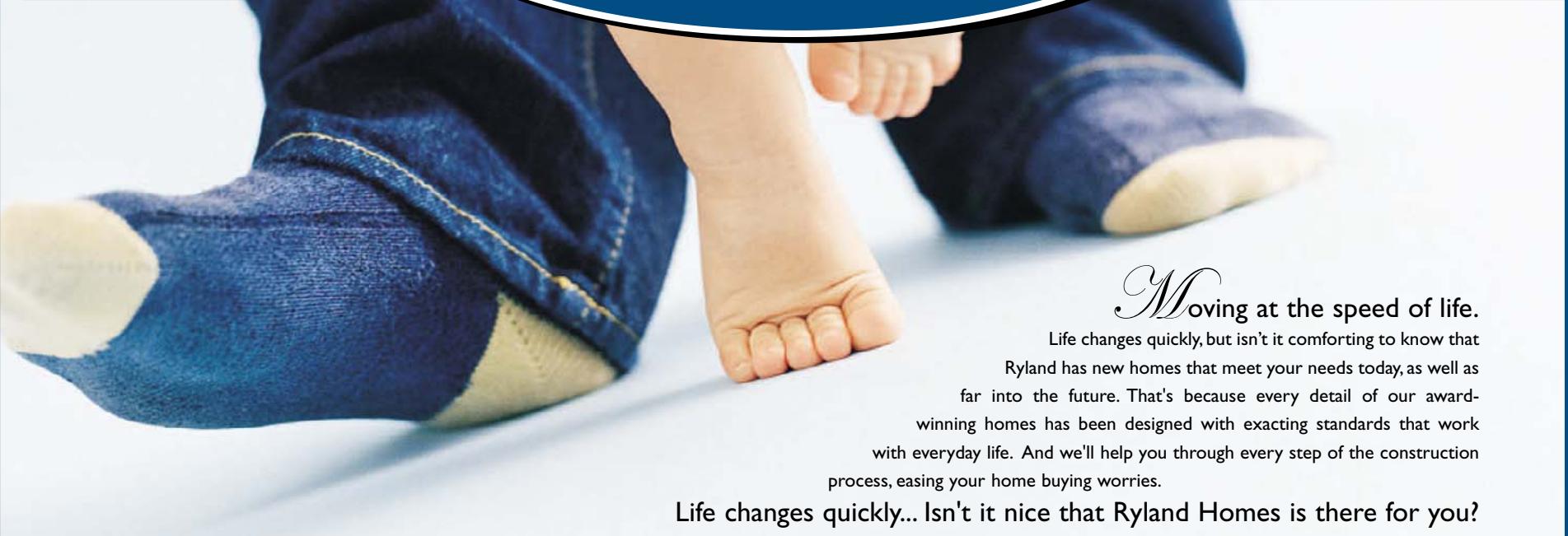
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Bush Asks \$120B for Wars

Funds for Afghanistan, Iraq campaigns dwarf hurricane aid amounts

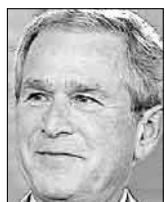
WASHINGTON | The Bush administration said Thursday it will ask Congress for \$120 billion more for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and \$18 billion more this year for hurricane relief.

If approved by Congress, the war money would push spending related to the wars toward a staggering half-trillion dollars.

Details of the requests are not final, but the 2007 budget propos-

al that President Bush will submit next week will reflect the totals for planning purposes.

About \$70 billion of the new war money will be requested for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan this year, bringing total spending on the two campaigns to \$120 billion for the current budget year. The other \$50 billion in new war money will be set aside in the 2007 budget for the first few months of the fiscal year



Bush

that begins Oct. 1. More money will likely be needed in 2007.

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that \$320 billion has been spent on Iraq and Afghanistan since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, including \$50 billion that Congress sent Bush in December.

Administration officials said the new figures were estimates.

The requested money would cover troop salaries and benefits, repairing and replacing equipment, supporting U.S. embassies in the two countries and taking on the insurgency, as well as training security forces.

ANDREW TAYLOR (AP)

From the Ground Up

More than a woodchuck predicting the weather, Groundhog Day is about American folklore. But how to tell the real prognosticator from the fake?



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- Call: No shadow, early spring



STATEN ISLAND CHUCK

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Judge Blasts Ex-EPA Chief Over 9/11

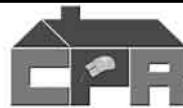
NEW YORK | A federal judge blasted former Environmental Protection Agency chief Christine Todd Whitman on Thursday for reassuring New Yorkers soon after the Sept. 11 attacks that it was safe to return to their homes and offices while toxic dust was polluting the neighborhood.

U.S. District Judge Deborah A.

Batts refused to grant Whitman immunity against a class-action lawsuit brought in 2004 by residents, students and workers in lower Manhattan and Brooklyn who said they were exposed to hazardous materials from the collapse of the World Trade Center.

She called Whitman's actions "conscience-shocking." (AP)

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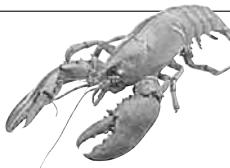
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World



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Muslim Fury Grows Over Cartoons

Outrage runs deep as protests continue on Muhammad drawings

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Outrage over caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad escalated in the Arab and Islamic world Thursday, with Palestinian gunmen briefly kidnapping a German citizen and protesters in Pakistan chanting "death to France" and "death to Denmark."

Palestinian militants surrounded European Union headquarters in Gaza, and gunmen burst into several hotels and apartments in the West Bank in search of foreigners to take hostage.

In Iraq, Islamic leaders urged worshippers to stage demonstrations from Baghdad to the southern city of Basra following weekly prayer services Friday. Afghanistan and Indonesia condemned the drawings, and Iran summoned the Austrian ambassador.

The issue opened divisions among European governments. Austrian Foreign Minister Ursula Plassnik said EU leaders have a responsibility to "clearly condemn" insults to any religion. But French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said he preferred "an excess of caricature to an excess of censorship."



FIRESTORM: Palestinian militants hold a copy of the Koran as they protest at the European Union headquarters in Gaza City.

Sarkozy joined journalists in rallying around the editorial director of France Soir, who was fired by the newspaper's Egyptian owner.

France Soir and several other newspapers across Europe reprinted the caricatures this week in a show of support for freedom of expression.

The cartoons were first published in September in a Danish

newspaper, touching off anger among Muslim communities.

Islamic law forbids depictions of the Prophet Muhammad and other major religious figures to prevent idolatry. Critics say the drawings were particularly insulting because some appeared to ridicule Muhammad. One cartoon showed the prophet wearing a turban shaped as a bomb.

The outrage Thursday was most tangible in the Palestinian territories, where Norway and Denmark closed diplomatic offices after masked gunmen threatened to kidnap foreigners in Gaza.

Palestinian gunmen in the West Bank searched hotels, and a German citizen was briefly kidnapped in Nablus. Police later freed the German. IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)



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Dutch Set To Approve Deployment

PM: lawmakers will back sending 1,400 troops to Afghanistan

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS | The Dutch parliament on Thursday overwhelmingly supported the deployment of up to 1,400 troops to southern Afghanistan, the premier said, reaffirming the country's NATO role and ending more than a half year of political turmoil.

No vote was held specifically to send the troops, but Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende said at the end of a late night debate it was clear the deployment had widespread support.

"The mission can go ahead. I will confirm that to the Cabinet tomorrow (Friday)," he said.

The proposal to send the troops to the troubled Uruzgan province had run into vocal opposition, including from one of the three parties in the governing coalition.

The Netherlands has come under strong pressure from the U.S., the EU and its NATO allies to follow through with an earlier pledge to join the Uruzgan mission. (AP)

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The value of artwork stolen from the home of a British property tycoon. Police did not confirm reports that a Rembrandt is among the missing.

World

IAEA Mulls Iran Resolution

Tehran threatens to retaliate as diplomats weigh council referral

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | Iran threatened to retaliate Thursday in the face of almost certain referral to the U.N. Security Council for its nuclear activities, and the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said the dispute was "reaching a critical phase."

Ahead of a decision by the IAEA's 35-nation board, U.S. and European delegates turned to behind-the-scenes diplomacy to build the broadest possible support for reporting Iran to the council over concerns it is seeking nuclear weapons.

Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, in a letter made available to the Associated Press, warned IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei that referral would leave Iran no choice but "to suspend all the voluntary measures and extra cooperation" with the IAEA — shorthand for reducing IAEA monitoring to a minimum.

Cuba, Venezuela, Syria and a



U.N. nuclear watchdog chief Mohamed ElBaradei takes questions in Vienna, Austria, Thursday. ElBaradei said the Iranian nuclear dispute is at a "critical phase."

few other nations at odds with Washington remained opposed to referral. India was said to be leaning toward supporting referral.

Diplomats accredited to the IAEA meeting said backing for Iran had shrunk among the U.N. nuclear watchdog's board since Russia and China swung their support behind referral at an overnight meeting with the United States, France and Britain that started Monday.

ElBaradei said there was a "window of opportunity" to defuse the crisis, stressing that even if the issue is referred, the Security Council would not take up the issue before next month. "We are reaching a critical phase but it is not a crisis," he said. GEORGE JAHN (AP)

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Bombings Kill 11 Iraqis; 5 U.S. GIs Die in Action

Latest bloodshed comes as judge moves to delay Saddam trial

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Two bombings 20 minutes apart killed at least 11 Iraqis on Thursday, and the U.S. military announced five more American battle deaths. A U.S. rocket attack on the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City killed a woman and enraged Shiites across Iraq.

The bombings followed a morning barrage of rockets fired by a U.S. helicopter into the nearby eastern Baghdad area of Sadr City, power-base of radical anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The attack, which the U.S. military said came in response to

gunfire from men in the neighborhood, was condemned by followers of al-Sadr.

The five American troops all died Wednesday in separate attacks, the U.S. command said.

A roadside bomb blast killed three U.S. soldiers south of Baghdad, while a fourth soldier died from wounds suffered in a small-arms fire attack in Baghdad, the military said. A U.S. Marine was killed during combat near Fallujah.

Separately, two witnesses testified before an empty defendants' box Thursday amid a defense boycott of the trial of Saddam Hussein.

The chief judge ordered a nearly two-week halt in the trial, apparently to give time to resolve the standoff. (AP)

Chavez Expels U.S. Naval 'Spy'

CARACAS, VENEZUELA | President Hugo Chavez said Thursday that Venezuela will expel the U.S. Embassy's naval attaché for allegedly passing secret information from Venezuelan military officers to the Pentagon, and warned that any more espionage will lead him to throw out all U.S. military attaches.

"We have declared the United States Navy commander named John Correa persona non grata. He should leave the country immediately," Chavez said in a televised speech celebrating the seventh anniversary of his government.

The case surfaced last week when Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel said an undisclosed number of active and retired Venezuelan military officers were caught passing information to the Pentagon. (AP)

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World



Unidentified members of the Mara Salvatrucha or "MS-13" gang show their tattoos in their prison unit within the National Penitentiary in Tamara, Honduras.

Honduras to Try New Gang Tactic

Amid brutal violence in prisons, president shifts to rehabilitation

TAMARA, HONDURAS | The inmates lay dead, splayed across their beds or soaking in pools of blood, all pockmarked by stab wounds and some bearing execution-style shots to the temple.

This shocking scene inside the National Penitentiary was part of a rash of violence in Honduran prisons, where more than 180 prisoners have died violently in the past two years.

Now, newly inaugurated Honduran President Manuel Zelaya says a change is needed in zero-tolerance policies that have criminalized merely associating with gangs. Those policies have led to massive roundups of suspected gang members and contributed to overcrowding and violence in prisons.

Violence has also shaken pris-

ons in Guatemala, where last year a gang was blamed for starting riots that left 35 inmates dead; and in El Salvador, where 31 inmates were killed in a 2004 battle between gang and non-gang prisoners.

Zelaya announced this week that he would ask gang members to begin turning in their weapons in exchange for a chance to enter rehabilitation programs offering alternatives to gangs, such as job training and education.

Human rights experts and criminologists have described prison conditions throughout Central America as nothing less than wretched: massive overcrowding, unsanitary conditions, inadequate food, poor security and nowhere to sleep.

Hector Hernandez, 25, incarcerated for two years in Honduras' National Penitentiary, hopes Zelaya may be able to change things.

"More than anything, we're asking for help to rehabilitate ourselves," he said. LISA J. ADAMS (AP)

Liberia's Finance Ministry Fired

MONROVIA, LIBERIA | President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has fired the entire staff of the Finance Ministry, a perceived center of the corruption that has long hobbled war-battered Liberia.

Only weeks since taking power, Africa's first-ever elected female president traveled to the ministry late Wednesday to personally deliver the mass firing, state radio reported Thursday.

Sirleaf said dismissed employees would be allowed to reapply for their jobs, but called on those involved in graft "to disappear." (AP)

Money

Western Union Scraps Telegrams

Old-school messages slip into history amid today's hi-tech options

DENVER | For more than 150 years, messages of joy, sorrow and success came in signature yellow envelopes hand-delivered by a courier. Now the Western Union telegram is officially a thing of the past.

The company formed in April 1856 to exploit the hot technology of the telegraph to send cross-country messages in less than a day. It is now focusing its attention on money transfers and other financial services, and delivered its final telegram on Friday.

"The decision was a hard decision because we're fully aware of our heritage," Victor Chayet, a spokesman for the Greenwood Village-based company, said Wednesday.

Telegrams reached their peak popularity in the 1920s and 1930s when it was cheaper to send a telegram than to place a long distance



A telegram driver heads out to deliver a message in this photo from the 1910s.

telephone call. People would save money by using the word "stop" to end a sentence because punctuation was extra while the four character word was free.

Samuel Morse, inventor of the Morse Code, sent the first telegram on May 26, 1844, to his partner Alfred Vail. It read "What Hath God Wrought?"

"If he only knew," Chayet said of the choices today, which include text message on cell phones, the Internet and virtually free long-distance calling rates. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Starbucks Corp. shares steamed to an all-time high Thursday, a day after the world's largest specialty coffee retailer reported strong quarterly earnings on brisk sales of its winter holiday drinks. Revenue for the latest quarter increased 22 percent to \$1.93 billion, up from \$1.59 billion in the comparable period last year. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ChiYuc	9.46	+1.42	+17.7
Oshkosh	54.85	+6.15	+12.6
Wesco Intl	54.80	+6.05	+12.4
MI Homes	43.79	+4.80	+12.3
NwCentFn	42.02	+3.97	+10.4

Losers

OWNSHILL	19.74	-2.47	-11.1
AlliancOne	4.15	-.48	-10.4
DoverMot	5.43	-.56	-9.3
NY&Co	17.62	-.177	-9.1
DanaCorp	4.68	-.43	-8.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.25
Fed Funds close	4.50	4.375
3-month disc	4.37	4.34
2-year	4.59	4.48
10-year	4.56	4.52
30-year	4.70	4.70

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ChinaTDev	12.15	+6.20	+104.2
HghwyH	5.48	+1.50	+37.7
Aspreva gn	25.08	+5.09	+25.5
Avigen	5.11	+.95	+22.8
TractSupp	61.91	+11.24	+22.2

Losers

SYNPCTLY	7.50	-2.30	-23.5
AssetAcc	18.35	-.523	-22.2
ExideTc	3.05	-.75	-19.7
NutriSys	41.15	-.838	-16.9
Mattson	11.16	-.211	-15.9

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5619	.5640	.5301
Canadian Dollar	1.1442	1.1403	1.2380
European Euro	.8267	.8294	.7670
Japanese Yen	118.45	117.94	103.75
Mexican Peso	10.4720	10.4340	11.1470
Taiwanese Dollar	31.98	31.98	31.68

In Brief

HOUSTON

Ex-Enron Exec: Skilling Gave Analysts Incomplete Data

Former Enron Corp. CEO Jeffrey Skilling gave misleading information to Wall Street analysts about the earnings of a highly touted business unit in 2001, the company's former head of investor relations testified Thursday. Skilling did not disclose in conference calls with analysts that the Enron retail energy division had suffered \$726 million in first-half losses from its contracts, and insisted that the unit was profitable, Mark Koenig told jurors. Koenig stopped short again of saying either Skilling or Kenneth Lay explicitly ordered the books cooked, or that Skilling was aware he was giving analysts bad information. (AP)

WASHINGTON

4 Former Execs Indicted for Fraud in Gen Re, AIG Inquiry

Three former executives at Berkshire Hathaway's General Re insurance unit and a former American International Group executive have been indicted on charges of fraud and conspiracy, the Justice Department announced Thursday. The former executives conspired to make AIG's finances appear better than they were, the government claimed in the indictment returned Wednesday by a grand jury. (AP)

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BarrPhm	66.55	+.88	+6.8
BrMySq	22.56	-.46	-1.8
ForestLab	47.25	+.12	+16.2
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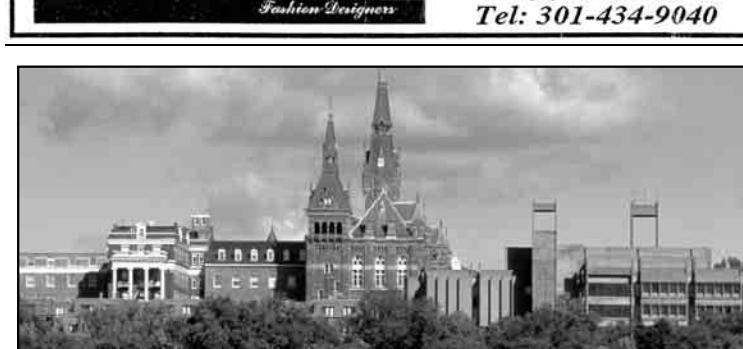
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"Her name was Maggie. ... There is a great big hole in my heart. I hope they're serving frozen custard in heaven."

—Virginia state Sen. Russ Potts, speaking Thursday on the Senate floor about the death of his dog.

Md. Parents Protest Army

High-tech simulator recruitment truck said to be misleading

SILVER SPRING, MD. | A handful of parents protested military recruiting practices Thursday near an Army simulation center set up at Montgomery Blair High School.

The Army's high-tech cinema and video simulator truck travels the country and is in the Washington area this week. By the time lunch was over Thursday, about 80 students had visited the truck — some

watching a video on the physics of roller coasters.

The mother of a high school junior, who attended the presentation, said she thought the roller coaster video was misleading.

"They didn't talk about the military. They talked about roller coasters and [implied] if you love roller coasters, you'll love the military," said parent Stacey Gurian-Sherman. "They don't talk about the reality — people sitting a few miles from here at Walter Reed hospital with terrible wounds."

If students want to know about

military career paths after the simulation, recruiters are available in the back of the room to talk, said Kelly Rowe, spokesman for the Baltimore Recruiting Battalion which covers Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

"It's an interactive van," Rowe said. "It shows movies and opportunities people can have in the Army."

In addition to the movies, students could sit in a simulator that shows what it feels like to skydive, shoot targets or be a NASCAR driver. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

Officer May Have Committed Suicide

WASHINGTON | A police officer apparently committed suicide Thursday at the city's 911 call center, police said.

Francesca Barnes, 43, was found dead in a second floor bathroom at the District of Columbia Unified Emergency Call Center

near Howard University around 12 p.m., police said.

The case was being investigated by the department's Violent Crimes Branch. It was also being reviewed by the department's Force Investigation Team.

Barnes, a 20-year police vet-

eran, was assigned to the call center as a transcriber, said Inspector J.O. Crane, of the Office of Police Communications. Her duties included reviewing excerpts of tapes for court cases, Freedom of Information Act requests and evidence gathering. Barnes had been with the communications office for the past 18 years. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Feb. 2

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-6-7
Evening Lucky Numbers	8-8-4
Mid-day DC 4	2-1-8-8
Evening DC 4	0-1-5-8
Rolling Cash Five	19-22-31-04-14
Daily 6	09-14-35-12-24-26 Bonus: 23
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	21-22-25-32-34 (17)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	9-9-1
Evening Pick 3	5-1-4
Mid-day Pick 4	2-7-0-6
Evening Pick 4	1-5-1-2
Match 5	16-30-31-35-38 Bonus: 17
Lotto (Wed.)	04-20-23-32-33-43

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	0-7-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-1-9
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	3-3-2-5

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-0-4-1
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	02-08-10-14-20
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	14-19-21-27-34
Lotto South (Wed.)	01-04-11-16-27-35

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BY THE NUMBERS: Of the more than 7,000 people who entered The Washington Post and Express Sudoku Tournament, 200 finalists participated in the final three-hour competition in Union Station on Thursday. But in the end, Hannah Tesnan of Washington beat out her fellow puzzle-solvers.

In Brief

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

2 Workers Injured as Crane Collapses Near Beltway

A construction crane collapsed Thursday afternoon injuring two workers, one seriously near Route 1 and the Capital Beltway in Alexandria, where workers are building a new interchange as part of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

Effort to Revive Red-Light Camera Use in Va. Scuttled

Despite pleas by traffic safety advocates and police, a legislative subcommittee on Thursday killed a bill that would have revived the use of cameras to catch red-light runners at busy intersections in Northern Virginia and Virginia Beach. (AP)

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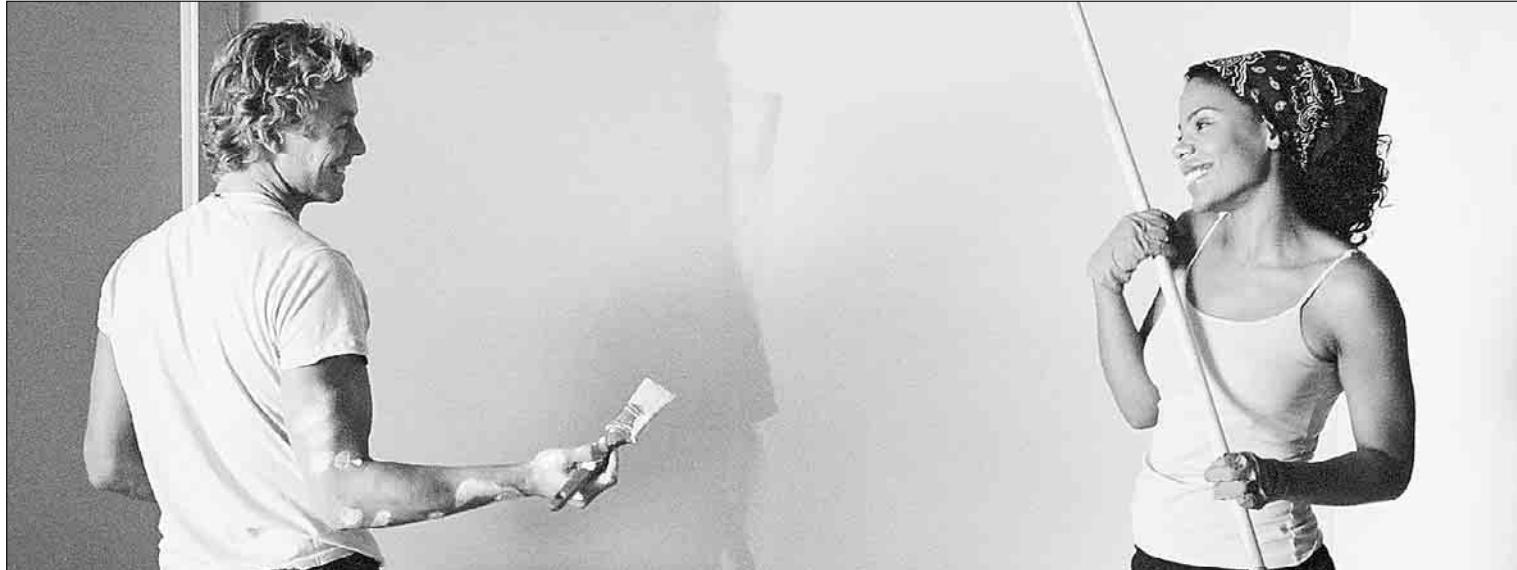
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TELEVISION

Raising the Undead: Did the 2001 "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" deal drive a stake in the hearts of both the WB and UPN? | **I3**



COLORBLIND: Simon Baker romances Sanaa Lathan in a refreshingly low-key comedy that doesn't bludgeon audiences with the good intentions of its premise.

Entertainment Weekend

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I'm looking for some good theater, somewhere in Metro-accessible D.C. Any ideas or suggestions?

Catch "Damn Yankees" before it ends at Arena Stage or enjoy "Measure for Measure" at Folger Theatre. We've also heard great things about "An Empty Plate" in the Café du Grand Boeuf.

Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; through Feb. 9, \$54-\$69; 202-488-3300, arenastage.com.

Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; through Feb. 26, \$25-\$49; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

Arena at 14th and T, 1901 14th St. NW; through Feb. 5, \$30-\$35; 240-582-0050, arenastage.com



Mark Zeisler in Folger Theatre's production of "Measure for Measure."

Love's Gray Area

'Something New' is — it's an interracial romantic comedy

FILM | "Something New" actually lives up to its title: a romantic comedy that's both romantic and funny and not nearly as formulaic as many films of the genre.

It's not perfect: Director Sanaa Hamri and writer Kriss Turner get a bit obvious with some of

their dialogue and imagery. This is a movie in which a woman literally lets her hair down as an indication that she's loosening up. But the debut film from both women shows a refreshing approach to a premise (an interracial romance), characters (total opposites) and a city (Los Angeles) that we've seen many times before.

Brian (Simon Baker) is a landscape architect with an easygoing personality; Kenya (Sanaa Lathan)

an uptight workaholic on the verge of making partner at her high-powered accounting firm.

But she is looking for love. When a co-worker sets Kenya up on a blind date, she's shocked to find the blonde-haired, blue-eyed Brian waiting for her, and not her IBM, or Ideal Black Man.

They don't exactly have crackling chemistry, but they eventually fall into an easy, comfortable friendship that turns into something deeper.

That the relationship evolves so subtly is one of the loveliest parts of "Something New" — no forced witty banter, no game-playing.

Everyone else, however, has a hard time accepting Kenya's romantic involvement with a white man — especially her snooty society mother (Alfre Woodard) and her flaky younger brother (Donald Faison), who are only too happy to introduce her to an IBM, a nattily dressed, aggressively romantic lawyer played by Blair Underwood.

You know the filmmakers are onto something truly new when they can get a whole theater full of women to root against Blair Underwood.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Attracting a Twist of Fate

'Imagine Me & You' pictures two young women's sudden bond

FILM | A romantic comedy of the British school, "Imagine Me & You" is not quite charming enough to overcome its predictability: It's a standard love story with one difference.

Piper Perabo stars as Rachel, a young bride betrothed to the handsome, decent Heck (Matthew Goode). On her wedding day, Rachel locks eyes with another and is pulled

into instant love.

The person she connects with is Luce, a beautiful young florist (Lena Headey). Rachel is convinced that she and Luce are destined to be fast friends, and she immediately sets to fixing Luce up with Heck's pal, Coop (Darren Boyd), a cad with a heart of gold. That Luce is a lesbian only increases the challenge for Coop.

The early scenes have a giddy awkwardness as the misunderstandings pile up and Rachel and Luce do a clumsy dance toward romance. The supporting cast

suffices to keep things light most of the time.

Writer-director Parker's paean to love-at-first-sight quickly goes lukewarm after Rachel and Luce acknowledge their attraction. Perabo and Headey have chemistry, but the film loses steam once it becomes all about them trying to do the right thing.

That Rachel's destiny lies with a woman is depicted as the film's main distinction. The film's R rating seems silly considering it features chaste smooching.

KEVIN CRUST (L.A. TIMES)



Newlywed Rachel (Piper Perabo, right), is meant to be with Luce (Lena Headey).

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Weekend | Entertainment

Lights Out

Counting down the final days of D.C.'s Fusebox Gallery

CLOSING DOORS | For more than four years, Fusebox has been a comfortable place for challenging art. Since opening their gallery, an anchor of the 14th St. arts corridor, Sarah Finlay and Patrick Murcia have managed a most precarious balancing act: fostering a real sense of community while maintaining high standards of quality, nurturing emerging talent while giving exposure to mid-career artists, establishing a local fixture with international reach.

It was a wonderful moment, but the moment's over.

When shows by photographer Vesna Pavlovic and painter Ian Whitmore wrap next week, Fusebox goes dark. Saturday evening, Feb.



ART, HISTORY: Fusebox's Sarah Finlay and Patrick Murcia say goodbye to all that.

11, "We're gonna have a little closing with champagne," said Finlay.

Don't expect anything *too* little. After a feverish less-than-two-month build-out, made possible by countless friends of the gallery, the opening, on Sept. 22, 2001, drew almost 600 visitors. Fusebox has many more friends now.

Next month, the Finlay-Murcia family moves to San Francisco, where Patrick will continue his work with community-development nonprofit Enterprise Community Partners and Sarah will pursue noncommercial curatorial opportunities.

Although Murcia has kept his day job throughout the gallery's run, Fusebox was an all-consuming passion. "We always call the gallery a tremendous source of pride and anxiety," Finlay said.

"Unrelenting anxiety," added Murcia. With the rewards came the burdens. As anyone who chases deadlines knows, the treadmill can prove exhausting.

"One thing that I found was that I spent a lot of time worrying about the bottom line. And I wasn't reading as much as I used to," Finlay explained. "I felt like I was getting a little bit cut off from the intellectual dialogue ..."

Both look back fondly, however, not just on exhibitions and performances but on artist's talks and collaborations with outside curators. The panel discussion for Siemon Allen's show of South Africa-centric newspaper art, which brought political types together with arts journalists and international newswatchers, remains a highlight.

But the timing is right to move on. "We thought about the fact that the artists were all at this really amazing moment," said Finlay. "Kris Lee applying to graduate school. Vesna at Columbia in New York."

"Jason Gubbiotti in a museum show," said Murcia.

"Susan Smith-Pinelo had just moved to L.A.," said Finlay. "Jason Falchook had just gotten a museum show at the Katonah ..."

"James Huckenpahler in the Corcoran Biennial," added Murcia.

"Everyone was really on their way," said Finlay, "and we thought this might be the moment to do it."

GLENN DIXON

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Who Slew the WB?

The 'Buffy' deal may have destroyed both UPN and the WB

AT STAKE | When the obituary is written for the WB network, the cause of death should probably read: "Complications resulting from 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer.'"

Last week, when the parent companies of the money-losing WB and UPN networks announced they were pulling the plugs to form a single new network, the CW, many television veterans traced the roots of the decision back five years, when a fight over the fate of "Buffy" drove what would prove to be a fatal stake through the WB's heart.

The show, produced by 20th Century Fox Television, was a runaway hit with teenage girls. But in early 2001, the WB balked when Fox executives demanded \$44 million to license a single season. That fall, the show shifted to UPN, and with it went the WB's identity as a destination for young viewers.

The cautionary tale of the little networks that couldn't begins in



DEADLY MERGER: Buffy (but not Angel) migrated from the WB to UPN in 2001, splitting both fledgling networks' audiences.

the early 1990s. That is when the relaxation of federal rules allowed broadcasters to own the content they aired.

This gave Warner Bros. and

Paramount the chance to get into the network game. The WB started with two nights a week of prime-time programming, including "The Wayans Brothers" and "Muscle," a

soap set in a Manhattan gym. "Sister, Sister," a sitcom about teenage twins, developed a loyal following.

Meanwhile, United Paramount

Philosophy in A Dire Time

Eloquent 'Fateless' is an unusual drama set during the Holocaust

FILM | Philosophers have debated the sublime, the idea that pleasure can be derived in horrific circumstances, for centuries, but rarely has it been depicted so eloquently on film.

Hungarian filmmaker Lajos Koltai's "Fateless" is a first-rate contribution to the Holocaust canon. The film is based on Nobel laureate Imre Kertesz's 1975 novel, "Sorstalansag." Koltai makes his feature directing debut and dem-

onstrates dramatic talent for conveying Kertesz's ideas.

The war arrives late in Hungary; the German occupation begins in March 1944. Gyuri Koves (Marcell Nagy) is 14 years old when his father is sent away.

On the day he is to begin working at an oil refinery, Gyuri is pulled off a public bus with a group of boys by a policeman. The boys join a large group of adults and children being led to a temporary holding area.

The gravity of the situation dawns on Gyuri before it comes to most of the adults. His release is the realization of what he calls



INFINITE PATIENCE: Marcell Nagy as the main character in Hungarian director Lajos Koltai's thoughtful drama, "Fateless."

a simple secret of the universe: "I could be killed anywhere, any time." From that point on, Nagy's eyes are placid.

The detainees are herded onto rail cars bound for Auschwitz. Koltai creates a grand tableau of humanity as the Jewish prisoners are forced through slave labor

and extermination. Destiny is random: To the left someone lives, to the right someone dies.

Gyuri is befriended by a Bandi Citrom (Aron Dimeny). A few years older, he tries to teach Gyuri survival skills and fierce optimism. "I will walk down Nefelejcs Street again," Bandi says through gritted teeth.

Network had three nights of programming. Soon, it rolled out "Star Trek: Voyager" to eye-popping ratings. But UPN had trouble defining a clear identity. In 1998, it faltered when it tried to expand to five nights a week.

In the meantime, the WB grew, consistently marketing itself as a youth-oriented network and gaining traction with such signature dramas as "Dawson's Creek," "7th Heaven" and "Buffy."

Viacom's "hail Mary" pass to try to save the ailing network came in 2001, when UPN agreed to pay about \$50 million a season for the rights to "Buffy."

If nothing else, "Buffy" kept UPN alive long enough for Leslie Moonves to take the reins. Moonves, who had engineered the successful turnaround of CBS, was asked by Viacom Chairman Sumner Redstone to fix UPN.

The WB and UPN weren't just battling each other, of course. With each passing year, the media landscape was becoming more and more fragmented.

Television and advertising executives say that, in the end, two networks vying for the same audience just didn't work.

During their 11 years, UPN lost more than \$1 billion and the WB lost about \$700 million.

MEG JAMES (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

But Gyuri faces the labor and beatings with patience and resignation that the others don't understand.

The horrors of the Holocaust are present in "Fateless," but Koltai and Kertesz manage to look beyond the helplessness and explore the possibility of a philosophical ideal.



KEVIN CRUST (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Weekend | Entertainment

'Corpse': A Little Stiff

Virtually devoid of extras, 'Corpse Bride' is still entertaining

DVD | Family entertainment has not always been synonymous with the dark and quirky work of filmmaker Tim Burton. But that may be changing.

After directing last year's entertaining "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Burton delivered again just two months later with the release of "Corpse Bride," a macabre but sweet-hearted stop-motion ani-

mated fairy tale. While much of "Chocolate Factory" was bright colors and candy swirls, "Corpse Bride" is dominated by midnight blues and dancing skeletons. Though the movie's look and themes may frighten very young viewers, most will find this story of a young man's accidental betrothal to a rather "stiff" bride a refreshing change from the usual digitally animated, pop culture-riffing cartoons that pass for acceptable family fare. (Yes, "Chicken Little," I'm looking at you.)

It's too bad, then, that this DVD isn't filled with more engag-



LOVE IS BLUE: The living Victor and his undead darling weather a musical spat.

ing bonus features.

The extras are dominated by short featurettes — about Burton, the voice talent and Danny Elfman's music — that play like standard promotional material. A couple of the supplemental segments do reveal some details about the painstaking process of stop-motion animation but not nearly enough to satisfy. The movie's features deserve more life.

BEST BONUS POINTS: Take a few minutes to check out "The Animators: The Breath of Life" and "Making Puppets Tick." The latter shows the intricacy involved in creating the "Corpse Bride" puppets, whose tiny facial expressions are modified thanks to interior mechanisms and help from human hands. Look, ma, no computers!

JEN CHANEY (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

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140 minutes) Andrew Adamson's sterling version of the perdurable C.S. Lewis classic of children's fantasy is well told, handsome, stirring and loads of fun. For kids, the pleasure will be in some of the best special effects of the year. And for both, the overarching endearment will be a narrative, which speeds through its two-hour-plus running time. (SH)

DERAILED (R, 120 minutes) This film is fast, slick, stupid, violent fun and, despite the cynically high body count, without serious intention in this world. It is set in motion when Charlie (Clive Owen) has an affair with Lucinda (Jennifer Aniston), whom he has met on a train. They're resting the night away when suddenly a feral man enters, in the form of

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Philippe Laroche (Vincent Cassel). He pistol-whips Charlie, rapes Lucinda, takes money, credit cards, cell phones, dignity and any sense of the universe as rational. Then Philippe calls Charlie: He wants money. What can Charlie do? Eventually, the movie waltzes toward the absurd, the unbelievable, then veers back toward some sort of just-marginal believability. (SH)

END OF THE SPEAR (PG-13, 108 minutes) In 1956 five American missionaries were



spearred to death by Ecuadorean tribesmen they had hoped to convert. Anyone who wants to see honorable men martyred should be satisfied. The film reprises the events that led to the tragedy and the moral victory that followed: The families of those slain prevailed upon the natives to stop infighting. The most powerful moments are documentary excerpts of a son's friendship with the man who killed his father. (DT)

FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13, 90 minutes) This remake of the 1977 comedy stars Jim Carrey and Téa Leoni as Dick and Jane are McMansion millionaires who lose it all. It takes a few months before Dick hits on the idea of stealing. Though instantly forgettable, it lives up to its title: It's fun, and that's fine. (AH)

GLORY ROAD (PG, 109 minutes) In 1966, Don Haskins led the first all-black starting lineup to victory in the NCAA basketball championships, along the way

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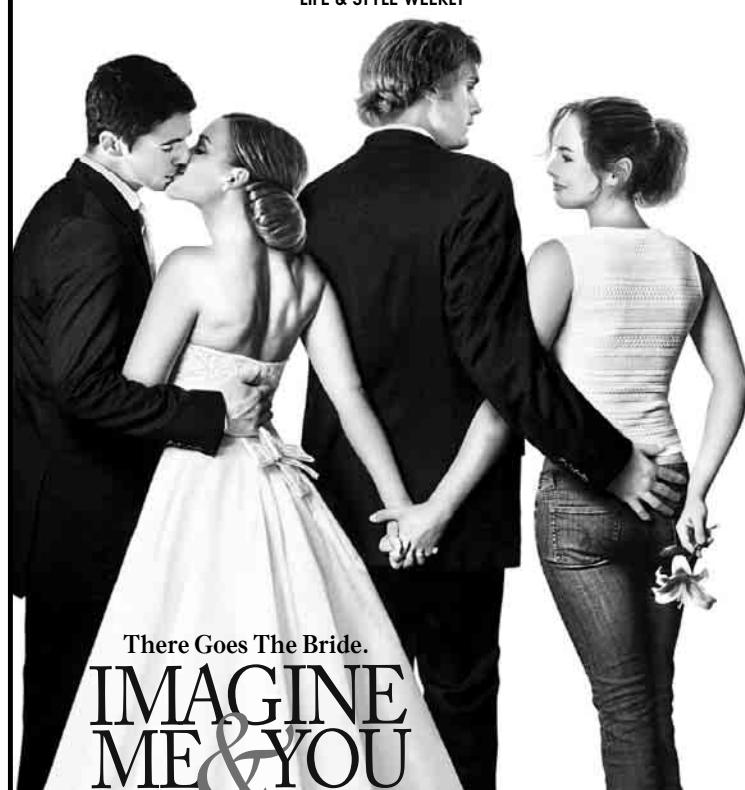
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GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG-13, 93 minutes) George Clooney, who directed and co-wrote, retells the story of crusading journalist Ed Murrow, who stood up to braying political bully Joe McCarthy. The stylizations of '50s TV drama, including black-and-white cinematography, are terrific. Clooney casts himself as Murrow's producer, Fred W. Friendly, but hardly registers. Neither do any of the other CBS minions, even though they're played by such names as Jeff Daniels, Robert Downey Jr. and Patricia Clarkson. Only two people register: David Strathairn as Murrow and Joe McCarthy as Joe McCarthy. Strathairn dominates the movie with furious intelligence, guts, will and nobility. (SH)

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13, 160 minutes) This is probably the most engaging Potter film of the series thus far. Readers of the J.K. Rowling novels may be disappointed that many details from the book have been altered or omitted. But as long as those readers appreciate large-scale action and smaller-scale interaction, they'll be happy. (DT)

HOODWINKED (PG, 81 minutes) The angle taken by this unnecessary variant of the "Little Red Riding Hood" story seems to have more to do with marketing than storytelling: It's to reinvest the Grimm Brothers story in the idiom of the television series "Dragnet." Who will be familiar with these stylizations? The answer: grandparents. And as animation, it's far from state of the art; the creatures seem more like rubber toys, and their faces are



MOMMEE! Not every kid will be able to handle Emma Thompson's "Nanny" look.

without nuance or vividness. (SH)

HOSTEL (R, 95 minutes) Three young sex-crazy guys traveling through Europe end up in Amsterdam, where a greasy local flashes some cell phone pics of three-ways with buxom Eastern European chicks and points the way to a youth hostel in Slovakia. We soon learn that the management there supplies gullible guys 'n' girls to an "art exhibit" where rich businessmen fork over thousands of dollars to torture and kill the pretty young people. You won't be bored. You will be grossed out. (TERESA WILTZ)

KING KONG (PG-13, 187 minutes) Sticking

close to the original, both in story and milieu, this film features Jack Black as energetic film entrepreneur Carl Denham, who hires a tramp steamer, tricks playwright Jack Driscoll (Adrien Brody), movie star Bruce Baxter (Kyle Chandler) and untested actress Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts) into joining him on Skull Island, where he plans to shoot a film against a heretofore unseen background. There he discovers a 25-foot-tall ape whom the natives call Kong and to whom they offer apparently virgin-bride sacrifices. But Kong sees Darrow and falls in hot monkey love. The movie is full of mesmeriza-

tion, astonishment, thrills, chills, spills, kills and ills, a big monkey picture show that's certainly the best popular entertainment of the year. (SH)

LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13, 112 minutes) A good-hearted, kind-spirited, if mild pleasure. Queen Latifah plays Georgia Byrd, who works in a department store. Then, a CAT scan suggests that she has three weeks to live. She quits, cashes in and heads to the Czech Republic, where she puts in at a five-star joint. Amid the splendors, Georgia's fundamental decency and good sense soon win converts among the rich and famous. The movie is never terribly funny or terribly dramatic, but Latifah's quiet solidity and common sense root it in ways that larger, louder pictures never achieve. (SH)

LOOKING FOR COMEDY IN THE MUSLIM WORLD (PG-13, 98 minutes) Albert Brooks plays a character named "Albert Brooks"

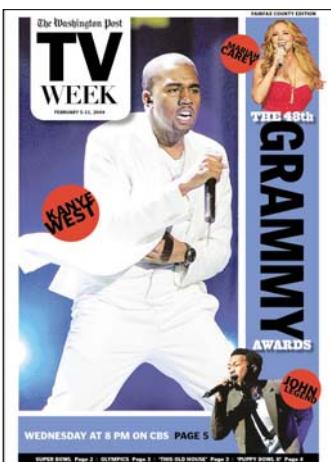
who, despite his formidable comic reputation, isn't really doing that well, can't get much work, is eaten by doubts and may be over. Depressed at his failure, "Brooks" is flown to Washington, where he meets with an ex-senator who explains that the government wants to know people of the Third World, and one way to know people is to learn what makes them laugh. The melancholy, unsure "Brooks" will be sent to India where he will find out what makes Muslims (and Hindus) laugh. Well, it turns out what's funny to Muslims isn't much, but what's funny to Protestants is Albert Brooks trying and flailing desperately to get Muslims to laugh. It's not very clever, it's not very charming, there are no boffo sight gags, nobody falls down goes boom. But, God, is it funny. (SH)

THE MATADOR (R, 96 minutes) Pierce Brosnan plays a middle-age sleaze bag with a gold neck chain, a gut and a pornstar mustache who kills for a living. In a hotel bar in Mexico City, he meets Danny Wright (Greg Kinnear), a traveling salesman. Their chance encounter is the beginning of a darkly fascinating relationship. This noirish movie is constantly couched in quotation marks and takes a tentative approach. (DT)

MATCH POINT (R, 124 minutes) In Woody Allen's new film, Jonathan Rhys-Meyers

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plays Chris Wilton, a retired tennis player who has given up the pro circuit to teach the rich and untalented. When one of his students — easygoing Tom Hewett (Matthew Goode) — invites him to the opera, a new world opens before him. But no sooner has Chris started dating Tom's sister Chloe (Emily Mortenson) when he meets Nola (Scarlett Johansson), Tom's sultry fiancee. This British-made film is elegant, uncompromising and oh-so nasty. (DT)

MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13, 120 minutes) This movie is everything you'd expect it to be: beautiful, mesmerizing, tasteful, Japanese. It's just not very hot. It stars three of the world's most beautiful women — Zhang Ziyi, Gong

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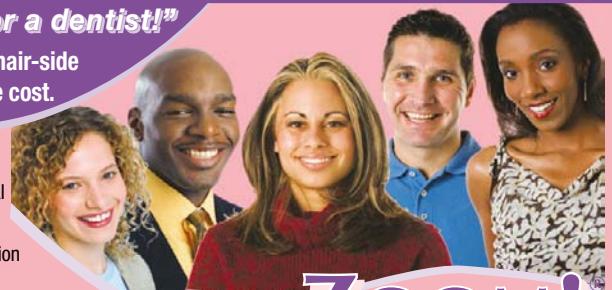
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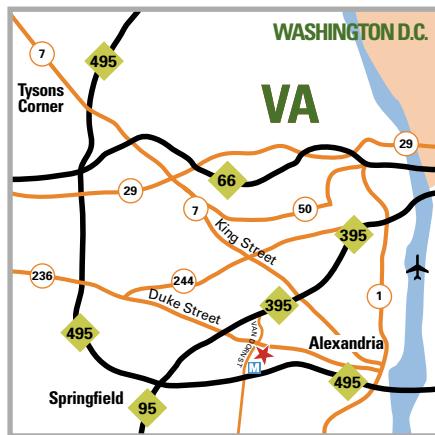
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Li and Michelle Yeoh — and it's set in the inner world of the geisha. Yet it just sits there, glorious but never remotely enticing. (SH)

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R, 102 minutes) From the first few moments, it's clear what this film will be: a whimsical period piece that, despite some quietly bawdy double-entendres and a lovely performance from the always dignified Dame Judi Dench, can't escape being a bit twee. It's based on the true story of Laura Henderson, who as a widow in the early 1930s bought a defunct London theater and made it a smashing success

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MUNICH (R, 140 minutes) Steven Spielberg's film focuses on a small Israeli killing team tasked with hunting and destroying the Palestinian Black September planners of the Munich massacre of 1972 across Europe and the Middle East. Give the movie credit for its rigor in facing the depressing problem of vengeance. But the film uses memories of the Munich Olympics massacre. Those events should be more than just fodder for ginning up tension at the end of a commercial movie. (SH)

NANNY MCPHEE (PG, 97 minutes) Nanny McPhee is the nanny you hire when all other nannies fail — at least, that's the idea of this movie, inspired by Christiana Brand's "Nurse Matilda" books. If only



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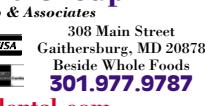
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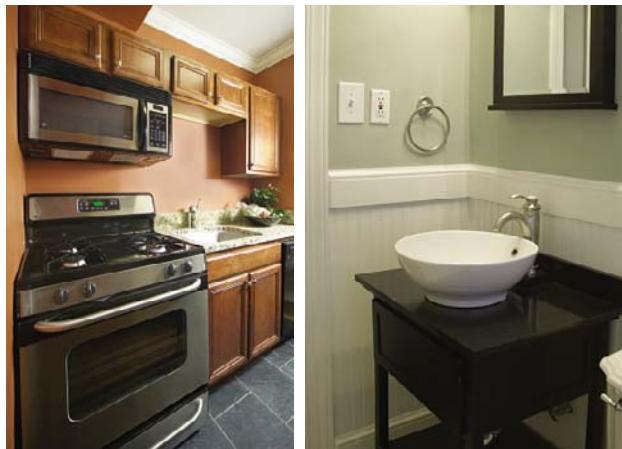
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the film, starring and scripted by Emma Thompson, lived up to its promise. The black-suited woman (Thompson) who shows up at the door of beleaguered widower Cedric Brown (Colin Firth) is a disconcerting hag. The flustered Mr. Brown certainly needs her. His children, seven shameless tormentors, have sent 17 previous nannies screaming into the night. Nanny McPhee begins her five-point plan to set those barbarians straight. The movie should have been a fabulous romp about authority — the fun, the frisson and the consequences of defying it. Unfortunately, Thompson evokes no such irreverence and energy. (DT)

THE NEW WORLD (PG-13, 135 minutes) This movie attempts to rescue the founding of Jamestown from kitsch. In the beginning, forest creatures — graceful, beautiful, magical — contemplate the stumbling invaders from Olde Englannde. The Native Americans are amused until it dawns on them that the furry boys mean to stay. Q'orianka plays Pocahontas, Colin Farrell is John Smith. Is it love? Hard to say. The movie's distance from emotional engagement results in something close to the thin dead line. (SH)

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG, 128 minutes) This version of Jane Austen's fabled story, in which Lizzie Bennet and Mr. Darcy begin as fiery opponents and end up as married lovers, is not quite the taming of a shrew, because in Austen's worldview, leading ladies of beauty and wit weren't shrews and never had to be tamed, but merely loved and respected, and good things would follow. That's the main trajectory of this film, starring Keira Knightley as Elizabeth and Matthew MacFadyen as the initially dour, snotty Mr. Darcy. Knightley takes control of a scene, radiating power and personality unto the rafters. It's a great performance. (SH)

THE PRODUCERS (PG-13, 134 minutes) So how good is the movie of the musical of the movie? It's pretty good. It's too long to be great and it's too square to be great and it's too loud to be great and it finds homosexual effeminacy too funny to ever be called great, but no one will come out sadder than they went in. (SH)

SARAH SILVERMAN: JESUS IS MAGIC (R, 72 minutes) When it comes to Sarah Silverman, the best thing to do is simply sit back and listen. The fact that she shouldn't be saying those things and you shouldn't be laughing at them makes it even more deliciously painful. There are song parodies, trips backstage, but it's



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all just filler to stretch 40 golden minutes of inspired stand-up to 72 minutes. You sit there thinking, good lord, does she mean it? She can't mean it! Can she say that? Can we laugh? (SH)

THE SQUID AND THE WHALE (R, 81 minutes) Set in Brooklyn in 1986, this movie is piercing and forthright. When Bernard (Jeff Daniels) and Joan (Laura Linney) Berkman inform their children they're getting a divorce, it's the beginning of an emotional whirlwind for four very different people. The movie is so brutally honest at times, you can almost sense the real Baumbachs squirming and maybe even nodding their heads. (DT)

SYRIANA (R, 126 minutes) George Clooney plays CIA operative Bob Barnes, an avuncular career agent who used to know where all the bodies were buried — mainly because he did most of the digging. In the 1980s, the Cold War

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MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 2:15, 5:45, 8:45, 10:4

Entertainment Weekend

Now Playing

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made things morally easy, bifurcating the world into black fur hats and white Stetsons. But the CIA no longer needs seasoned agents like him; it's all satellite reconnaissance and missile button pushing these days. So what becomes of an obsolete foot soldier? This is a premium-octane thriller about a society that has become insidiously dependent on oil. What's so powerful about the film is the rich stories it tells and how it leads them like so many human tributaries to one black, bubbling source. (DT)

TRANSAMERICA (R, 103 minutes) As Bree Osbourne, a preoperative male-to-female transsexual, Felicity Huffman dives down the rabbit hole as a woman, pulling the challenge off with skill, aplomb and deep compassion. (AH)

TRISTAN & ISOLDE James Franco plays this guy Tristan who sees his whole family murdered in England, except it isn't England yet because all the tribes are warring. Anyway, over in Ireland, there's this



MAGNOLIA

A HEAD OF THE GAME: Steven Soderbergh's "Bubble" isn't quite the murder mystery—or the Hollywood movie—it seems.

princess named Isolde (Sophia Myles). So, there's all this fighting and brogues and torch-lit angst and stuff, and Tristan falls in love with Isolde. But even though you can see tragedy coming, the whole thing drags on and on and on. (AH)

UNDERWORLD 2: EVOLUTION (R,

106 minutes) This sequel to 2003's "Underworld," starring Kate Beckinsale as a vampire, is a confusing horror flick. Vampires and werewolves have long, heated exchanges about who killed whose father, who's been imprisoned for centuries and so on. You'll never

keep up. Appreciate the special effects and Beckinsale, who's in fine form and body-hugging leather. (DT)

WALK THE LINE (PG-13, 136 minutes)

This movie gets off to a promising start, sure to raise goose bumps, at the gates of Folsom Prison in 1968. The camera

makes its way slowly into the jail, and finally, after an excruciating, exhilarating eternity, we see Johnny Cash—played, in an uncanny performance, by Joaquin Phoenix—as he drinks a glass of water and contemplates a buzz saw. We're hooked, and he hasn't sung a note. Unfortunately, for all its good music and admirable vocal impersonations, the movie slides—very, very slowly—downhill from there. (AH)

YOURS, MINE & OURS (PG, 88 minutes)

Dennis Quaid plays Frank Beardsley, a Coast Guard officer, widower and loving father of eight. At a high school reunion, he meets and falls back in love with former sweetheart Helen North (Rene Russo), who has 10 children and, like Frank, is widowed. When Frank and Helen impulsively get married, parenting systems collide. The storyline is so familiar, the audience can practically call out scenes ahead of time. (DT)

REVIEWS BY ANN HORNADAY, STEPHEN HUNTER, MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN AND DESSON THOMSON. FOR MORE CAPSULES AND FULL REVIEWS OF THESE AND OTHER FILMS SEE THE WEEKEND SECTION IN FRIDAY'S WASHINGTON POST.

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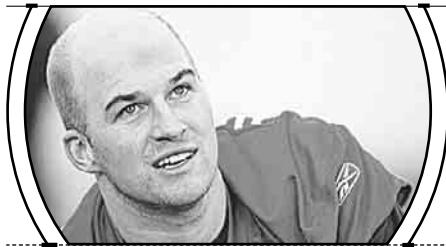
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**SUPER BOWL**

Bald or Beard? Find reasons to cheer for either the Seattle Seahawks or the Pittsburgh Steelers in the big game on Sunday | **29**

Sports Weekend

The Mane Event

There's much more to Troy Polamalu than his signature hairstyle

STEELERS | Everything about Troy Polamalu is a contradiction.

He is one of the NFL's most violent players, a whirlwind of speed, high-flying hits and wildly flowing hair who forces offenses to alter their game plans. His defensive coach says the league has never seen anything like him.

When he walks out of the Steelers' locker room, Polamalu seemingly becomes a different person. He is peaceful and spiritual, quiet beyond a whisper, a man devoted to his wife and faith who never watches on TV the very game he plays.

This Super Bowl will be his first — not only to play in, but, remarkably, to watch. "It's tough for me to watch sports," Polamalu said. "I'm more of a hands-on person."

And when those hands are around a football, an entire game can change.

That's why, for all the attention focused on the Seahawks' first Super Bowl, Jerome Bettis' last game and Ben Roethlisberger's possible arrival as an elite quarterback, it is Polamalu who may most influence the Super Bowl.

"You have to find him on every play," Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "On every play."

Polamalu missed part of practice Thursday because of a sore ankle — an injury that was not previously disclosed. He was listed as



MAN OF TROY: Former USC standout Polamalu's versatility makes him a key player Sunday.

THREE BURNING QUESTIONS

→ **Room to 'Rome?** The idea of Jerome Bettis scoring a touchdown to help win his final game in his hometown is a storybook ending for everyone — except Seahawks' fans.

→ **Twice as Nice?** Mike Holmgren, who led Green Bay to the Super Bowl title, can become the first coach to win the title with two teams.

→ **Walk the Line?** The battle between the Seahawks' offensive line versus the Steelers' defense could make or break the Super Bowl.

probable, and was almost certain to play.

While Joey Porter is the loud and nasty voice of the Steelers' defense, Polamalu provides its distinctive personality, its uniqueness. He may line up as a lineman on one play, in deep coverage on another. He can blitz or cover, be a decoy or disrupt a play. He may even line up with his back to the offense, only to turn just before the snap and blitz.

"He is a mad man on the field," cornerback Deshea Townsend said.

Seattle coach Mike Holmgren's staff has found it difficult to simulate in practice what Polamalu can do in a game because he does so many things.

Defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau seemingly finds new ways to use him every game, and it is unlikely this Sunday will be different.

"He's very motivated, very studious and he has tremendous instincts, so that's a pretty good combination," LeBeau said. "His talent lets us do a lot of things that you could not do with not many people. He has that rare ability to play at all levels of the defense." ALAN ROBINSON (AP)



RECORDS | **Point Taken** Epiphanny Prince scored 113 points in a game Wednesday, breaking a national high school girls record previously held by basketball Hall of Famer Cheryl Miller. Prince, a 5-foot-9 guard from New York's Murry Bergtraum High School, led her team to a 137-32 victory over Brandeis High School. "It's an amazing thing when an individual does that," said Cavaliers star LeBron James, told about Prince's performance. "I don't know who she is, but maybe we'll see her in the WNBA. For that matter, the NBA." (AP)

TV Lineup



TONY TRIBBLE/AP
Jerome Bettis has garnered most of the headlines ahead of the Super Bowl.

→ **GAME OF THE WEEK:** You'd think no one else is playing besides Jerome Bettis in Super Bowl XL on Sunday (6:30 p.m. on ABC). But it turns out the Pittsburgh Steelers will face the Seattle Seahawks in the final NFL game of the season.

→ **ALEX IS BACK:** After missing his first game of the year, rookie sensation

Alex Ovechkin returns to the Capitals on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN) vs. Toronto. And because it isn't a full week without a game against Tampa Bay,

Washington visits the Lightning on Saturday (7:30 p.m. on WB50).

→ **MAGIC TIME:** Can the Washington Wizards ever get back to .500? They can move one win away with a victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday (7 p.m. on CSN).

→ **ARACHNOphobia:** No. 10 George Washington takes on Richmond on Sunday (noon on CSN) as the Colonials march through the Atlantic 10.

→ **IN THE PITTS:** No. 17 Georgetown gets its biggest test since Duke when hosting No. 9 Pittsburgh on Sunday (noon on NewsChannel 8).

→ **FEAR THE TURTLE:** Which Maryland will team will show up on Sunday (2 p.m. on FSN) vs. N.C. State — the one which beat Georgia Tech or the one that lost to Temple?



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*ANNAPOLIS (PG-13)
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*NANNY MCPHEE (PG)

12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20

*MATADOR (R)

1:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45

THE NEW WORLD (PG-13)

12:10, 3:30, 7:40, 10:40

END OF THE SPEAR (PG-13)

12:55, 7:50

*UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R)

12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:30

LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13)

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HOODWINKED (PG)

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GLORY ROAD (PG)

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BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)

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HOSTEL (R)

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MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13)

4:15, 10:15

MUNICH (R)

12:00, 3:25, 6:55

MATCH POINT (R)

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FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG-13)

1:15, 3:45, 6:30, 9:25

KING KONG (PG-13)

3:35

WALK THE LINE (PG-13)

12:35, 7:25, 10:45

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA:

THE LION, THE WITCH

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GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK (PG)

4:45, 10:00

MUNICH (R)

1:05, 4:30, 8:15

CACHE (R)

1:35, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50

BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)

2:15, 5:15, 8:25, 9:45

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)

1:25, 4:10, 7:05

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Seahawks Will Be Flying High

HAVING FLOWN UNDER THE RADAR all season, the Seattle Seahawks must be very comfortable with their position in the Super Bowl.

Four-point underdogs, the Seahawks are almost an afterthought in the Jerome Bettis lovefest in Detroit, which is a sea of black and gold at this point.

Even when the Seahawks' Jerramy Stevens causes a flap by predicting a win — as if he'd say Seattle would lose — it's the Steelers' Joey Porter who grabs all the headlines with his response.

On Sunday, though, Seattle won't be the "other" team.

In case anyone missed it, and apparently most have, all the Seahawks have done this year is win.

After losing to the Redskins on a fluke field goal in October, Seattle pulled together 11 straight victories before pulling their starters in a meaningless game to end

the season. Then they picked right back up with two playoff wins to reach Sunday's game, which most experts expect them to lose.

The Steelers are a good team, and Bettis leaving on top would be every bit the fairy tale ending everyone's making it out to be.

Who's been better in the playoffs than Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck?

Tell me, though, who's been better in the playoffs than Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck? A decent quarterback in college, he has emerged as a player poised for greatness this season. And league MVP Shaun Alexander isn't too bad either, and has a strong offensive line blocking for him.

So, just as in the regular season, the Seahawks will defy the odds by simply winning. Score: Seahawks 28, Steelers 14.

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ABC Ready for Last Call

'Monday Night' crew set for its final telecast at the Super Bowl

TV | This time, it really is time to turn out the lights at ABC.

Al Michaels and John Madden hope the game they call is so great, there won't be much time to say goodbye.

Six weeks after ABC's much ballyhooed final broadcast of "Monday Night Football," the network will telecast its final NFL game — at least for the foreseeable future — at the Super Bowl on Sunday.

"It really is the end of an era," Michaels said. "John's always saying, 'Let's go out and make some memories.' That's what we try to do."

What he's hoping for is the kind of goodbye NBC was afforded in 1998, when Dick Enberg, Phil Simms and Paul Maguire called the Green Bay-Denver Super Bowl in what was, at the time, that network's final broadcast after three-decade-plus history with the NFL and AFL.

Denver's 31-24 win and John



Al Michaels and John Madden will broadcast the Super Bowl on ABC Sunday.

Elway's first Super Bowl title was such good viewing, there was hardly any need to mention the game's place in TV history. Enberg ended it with a poignant, understated farewell.

"NBC has been there from the start. From Joe Namath to John Elway, from Curt Gowdy to those of us honored to call tonight's game," he said. "On behalf of our

crew, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped bring you NFL games since 1960 and thank you for watching."

Oddly enough, it was NBC's return to the NFL that played into ABC's departure. NBC is taking the Sunday night package that used to belong to ESPN, while ESPN is taking over "Monday Night Football."

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Weekend Sports

Wizards' Jamison Finds His Form

WIZARDS | Hear that groan? That's Wizards opponents realizing that Gilbert Arenas isn't the only one who's going to be knocking them around.

Antawn Jamison, by the looks of it, has firmly re-established himself as the "2" in the 1-2-3 punch alongside point guard Arenas and shooting guard Caron Butler.

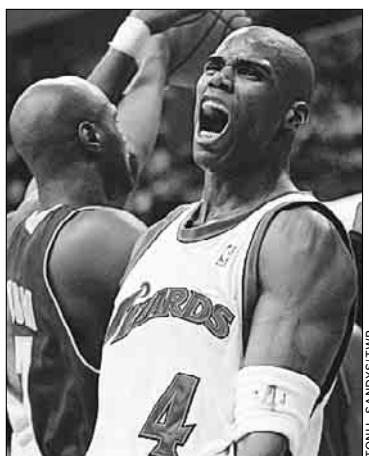
After having problems with consistency earlier in the season, he's regained his reliability and a big part of the Wizards' 9-5 record over their last 14 games heading into

Saturday's game against the Atlanta Hawks (13-31).

Jamison has scored more than 20 points in nine of his past 10 games. He's had more than 10 rebounds in seven of them.

In short: Antawn Jamison is playing more like the Antawn Jamison who last year was an All-Star and was a crucial piece of Washington's playoff formula.

"He was struggling and going through a rough stretch. It's good to see his maturity, in that he put that behind him and moved forward," said coach Flip Saunders.



TONI SAWYER/TWP

ward," shooting guard Antonio Daniels said.

It's likely a little too late for Jamison (19.1 ppg, 9.9 rpg) to make the All-Star game this year. But Jamison said he's aiming for his best season yet — especially as he has avoided nagging injuries that have bothered him in past seasons.

"I'm healthy. What's stopping me?" said Jamison. "I'm ready. I feel good." CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

Antawn Jamison has scored at least 20 points in nine of the past 10 games.

Clark Capitalizes on Situation in D.C.

CAPITALS | Should Alex Ovechkin and Dainius Zubrus return to the Capitals lineup tonight against Toronto, the happiest person at the MCI Center likely will be right wing Chris Clark, whose season (and perhaps career) was revitalized when he earned a spot on the team's top

line just before New Year's.

The former Calgary Flame has proven to be an ideal complement to Washington's attacking duo, doing much of the support work while chipping in the occasional goal.

His 23 points (11 goals, 12 assists)

nearly rank sixth on the Caps (18-28-5) are a career high, and his value to the team's most dangerous offensive players is obvious to his coach.

"He can get in and handle the puck, also his coverage in the defensive zone is good. They seem to like playing together," Caps Coach Glen Hanlon said after Tuesday's 2-1 win

over Tampa Bay, clinched when Clark deftly sent a pass from Ovechkin over to Zubrus for the winner.

Clark, 29, said he likes where the Caps are headed and is comfortable with his role. "I try not to do more than I should be doing just because I'm playing with those guys. They just make me look better," he said.

BRIAN STRAUS

In Brief

NATIONALS

Shortstop Clayton Inks Minor-League Contract

Shortstop Royce Clayton and outfielder George Lombard agreed to terms on minor league contracts with the Washington Nationals, who also officially announced their deal with right-handed reliever Felix Rodriguez on Thursday. Washington also outrighted right-hander Francis Beltran to Triple-A New Orleans. (AP)

D.C. UNITED

Argentine Forward Re-Signs

D.C. United re-signed Lucio Filomeno on Thursday, keeping the Argentine forward who joined the MLS club late last season. Filomeno has played professionally since 1996, including with teams in Argentina, Mexico and South Korea. He appeared in one regular-season game and one playoff game after signing with D.C. United in October. (AP)

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The 12th man; the 13th man's freakier.

ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

So, You're a Seahawks Fan:

WRAP YOUR THUMB in a bandage. Whenever Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger — and his boo-boo-prone digit — messes up, wrap one more bandage around. See how thick you can get it.

CALL YOURSELF the “12th Man” — what all Seahawks fans pride themselves on being — and scream at the top of your lungs without pause for the entire game.

EVERY TIME Pittsburgh RB Jerome Bettis gets a hand-off, yell, “FUMBLE!” It’s the playoffs; you’re bound to be right at least once or twice.

EVERY TIME Seattle RB Shaun Alexander gets a hand-off, yell: “TOUCHDOWN!” You’re bound to be right at least once or twice. Or three or four times.

IF THE STEELERS are losing, wait for any close-up of Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher’s gnarled, infuriated expression, then calmly break out a bottle of Robaxin and penicillin, explaining that muscle relaxants and antibiotics are a common treatment for lockjaw.

Put Your Loyalty to The Test

So, you're not partial to either the Steelers or the Seahawks. That's a problem, because the Super Bowl is infinitely more fun when you're invested — and antagonistic to those that actually care. We've got the solution: Take this completely arbitrary quiz to figure out what team to root for. Then follow our trash-talk suggestions to stick it to your new rivals. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

The Quiz

I. WHICH CITY IS CLOSEST TO YOUR HOMETOWN?

a) Pittsburgh b) Seattle

2. MORE VALUABLE THING TO COME FROM THE GROUND:

a) Alloys b) Coffee beans

3. WHAT'S A BETTER LOOKING INSECT?

a) Honeybee b) Dragonfly

4. WATERFRONT PROPERTY IS BETTER ALONGSIDE A:

a) River b) Sound

5. PEOPLE WHO WORK WAY PAST RETIREMENT AGE:

a) Are dedicated
b) Don't know when to give it up



6. WHAT'S SEXIER?

a) Beards b) Baldness

7. MORE INTERESTING PROFESSION:

a) Farmer b) Telephone operator

8. MORE IMPORTANT ENTREPRENEUR:

a) Andrew Carnegie
b) Bill Gates

9. THING YOU'D RATHER BE DOING 600 FEET IN THE AIR:

a) Reading a book
b) Eating a meal

10. MORE DESIRABLE FACIAL STRUCTURE:

a) Large jaw
b) Large jowls



SCORING:

If you chose more a's than b's, go Steelers! More b's than a's, go Seahawks! Woo-hoo!

2. Duh, “Steel”-ers. If you didn’t get that, drink Seattle’s Starbucks coffee to wake up.

3. Honeybees exhibit the Steelers’ black and gold; Dragonflies, the Seahawks’ blue and green.

4. Riverfront property abounds by Pittsburgh’s three rivers, while Seattle nestles up to the Puget Sound.

5. Steelers RB Jerome Bettis, 33, is in his 13th year in the NFL. Is it time to cash out the 401k, buy a Winnebago, move to Florida to play golf all the time?

6. Like hair? Neanderthal-looking Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger has plenty of it. If you’d prefer the bathed-in-Nair look, bowling-ball-headed Seahawks QB Matt

Hasselbeck and RB Shaun Alexander will appeal.

7. If crops are your thing, the Steelers’ tomato-base of Heinz Field has you dreaming of condiment cultivation; Qwest Field of Seattle connects people through communications.

8. Rags-to-riches Carnegie revolutionized the steel industry from Pittsburgh; rags-to-riches Gates revolutionized the software industry from Seattle.

9. If you’d like a view at the library, Pittsburgh’s 986-foot Tower of Learning is your spot. If that view is more suited to a sit-down meal, the rotating restaurant atop of the 605-foot Space Needle is more your venue.

10. Steelers coach Bill Cowher puts the “man” in “mandibles.” His jaw isn’t square—it’s cubed. Seattle coach Mike Holmgren appears to store footballs in his cheeks.



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Try not to dislocate your shoulder.

So, You're a Steelers Fan:

IF SEATTLE QUARTERBACK Matt Hasselbeck, a Boston College graduate, makes a bad play, chant: “Notre Dame,” over and over again.

WHEN the Steelers do anything, good or bad, and even during a time-out or commercials, wave a towel vigorously in the air. Don’t stop until the game’s end.

TO EMPHASIZE Pittsburgh’s trick-play ability, refer to their receivers as “quarterbacks” (which most of ‘em used to be), i.e., “the quarterbacking corps’ been open all day.”

IF SEATTLE IS losing, wait for a close-up of coach Mike Holmgren, then mockingly whimper, “Help me, Brett Favre! Help me!”

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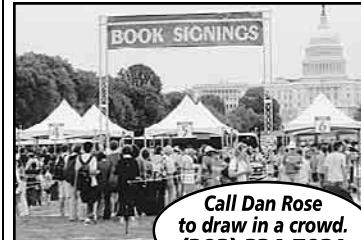
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Exhibits

Cheech Marin shares his huge collection of original Chicano art

Cheech Marin, the grandson of Mexican immigrants, knew racial prejudice growing up in Los Angeles in the 1950s.

But the comic, actor and director — better known as one half of stoners Cheech and Chong — refused to acknowledge it.

His traveling exhibit of Chicano art, more than halfway through its U.S. run, is sweet vindication. "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge" has set attendance records at nearly every city it's appeared in since opening in November 2001, drawing a mixed-ethnic audience of 1.3 million.

"Visions," the story of Mexican-American culture as portrayed by 26 of its master painters, is a sign of pride and inclusion for Marin, and "one of the most fulfilling things in

my life," he said.

The lifelong art collector owns most of the exhibit's works, created from 1969 to the present. A few pieces were loaned by actors Dennis Hopper and Nicholas Cage.

The show, which opened Friday in Saint Louis, takes its name from a once-pejorative moniker.

The word, "Chicano," started as an insult by Mexican-Americans," Marin said. "You were no longer a Mexicano, but a chico, a satellite Mexican living here, but it evolved into a sense of pride."

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CHEECH YOU A LESSON: Marin said art tells much about the Chicano experience.

grapes and table wines. His "Boycott Gallo" mural was a community landmark in East Los Angeles, which is heavily Hispanic.

During its national tour, the show has appeared in San Antonio; Washington; Albuquerque, N.M.; El Paso, Texas; Indianapolis; San Diego; Minneapolis, Minn.; Chicago and Houston.

Curator Rene Yanez said audiences have reacted with both intrigue and curiosity at images and styles they're not accustomed to seeing. Chicano art, snubbed as folkloric and fringe, is only now finding a welcome in mainstream museums.

The exhibit is accompanied by "Chicano Now: American Expressions" where performance

Ex-Mex Projects

The Chicano art movement, rooted in Texas and California, captures Mexican-Americans' mostly urban experience here, but not entirely.

"The Cottonpickers" is realist painter Jesse Trevino's remem-

brance of a boy and his grandfather picking cotton in a Texas field. Trevino painted it with his left hand, his right hand blown off in Vietnam. The painting was commissioned in 1985 by the boy in the painting, Juan F. Vasquez, who is

now a federal judge of the U.S. Tax Court in Washington.

Late political artist Carlos Almaraz used to work for Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers, whose struggle spilled into the urban marketplace of boycotted

and media artists explore family, work, music and other Mexican-American themes in a interactive multimedia exhibition. The topics are light and heavy, "part Chuck E. Cheese and doctoral thesis," Marin said. CHERYL WITTENAUER (AP)

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Look Out Voices

Marc Fisher

Local Roundup

Post columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday and discussed T-shirts and the State of the Union, baseball and Groundhog Day. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Why was Cindy Sheehan immediately arrested [at the State of the Union] and the congressman's wife not? It seems to me if they had not removed the congressman's wife the charges would have never been dropped.

A congressman's wife is a heck of a lot less likely to be arrested than a known radical with a passion for drama. That's not equal treatment under the law, but it reflects the reality of life. That said, the fact that both were ejected speaks well for equal (mis)treatment.

It's hardly an original observation that Tim Kaine was a little schmaltzy and perhaps even snooze-worthy in his response to the SOTU, and my god, that eyebrow. My question is, why on earth didn't Barack Obama do it? Every Democrat I know would be on pins and needles to hear Obama recite the alphabet, let alone respond to the SOTU. Was this even considered?

Dunno if Obama was considered — didn't he give the Dem response last year? No, turns out it was Harry Reid with Nancy Pelosi. Well, the Dems are focused on '08 and the need to reach out beyond the true-blue states. Kaine's victory in a red state, and his moderate appeal and emphasis on faith made him very attractive to the party.

Am I the only one who would absolutely love to see the groundhog bite that fat dork one of these years already? I'm usually not much of an animal rights advocate, but jeez,

that poor thing looked scared to death this morning. We all know you're not big on dogs but what about groundhogs?

The only good groundhog is.... No, I'm sure they're lovely creatures, even if they do look like bloated, overdressed rats. They made a great movie, though.

So where are we on baseball in D.C.? The so-called collapse of the Deutsche Bank funding is such a good illustration of the folly of the [City] Council and what members don't understand about doing business.

The collapse of the Deutsche Bank deal is a terrific step forward that will save the District many millions. It's also a powerful message to supporters of Linda Cropp's mayoral campaign, demonstrating the folly of her insistence last year on what was quite obviously a bad deal for D.C. Most amazing quote of the day: Cropp's denial that private financing was ever her idea. Somebody please roll the videotape on her repeated insistence on private financing, because there must be miles of it.

Gov. Tim Kaine, please return Sam Donaldson's eyebrow ASAP.

Sam's not using it anymore, so it seemed only fair for Kaine to pop it on national TV.

→ Today on Live Online

3:30 P.M.: Actor Simon Baker, now starring in "Something New," talks about the romantic comedy, his popular TV series and his many other eclectic movie roles.

Letters

'Geek' Listings Incorrect

FOR THE SECOND week in a row, Express' TV listing has indicated that a new episode of "Beauty and the Geek 2" would be shown on Wednesday night at 9 p.m., com-

plete with a description of what the show would be about. Get it correct: The WB shows a repeat of the previous Thursday night show on Wednesdays. New episodes are shown on Thursdays at 9 p.m. So thanks for ruining my evening. Again.

—JOHN LOWREY
Vienna, Va.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

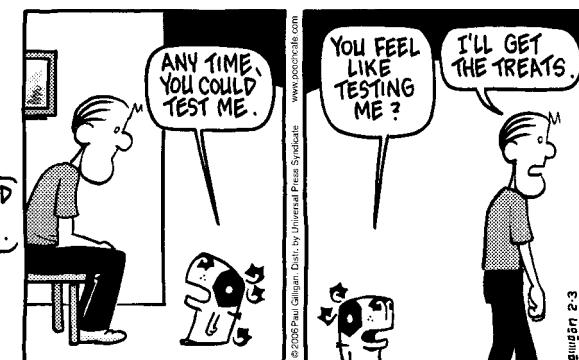


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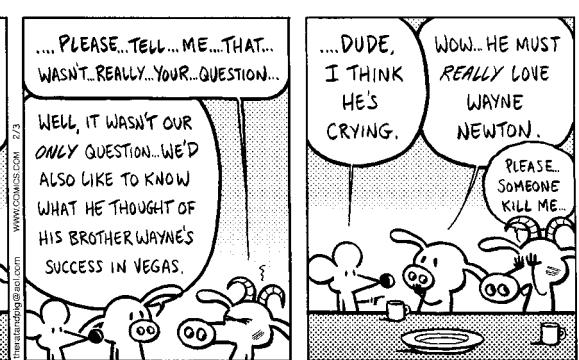
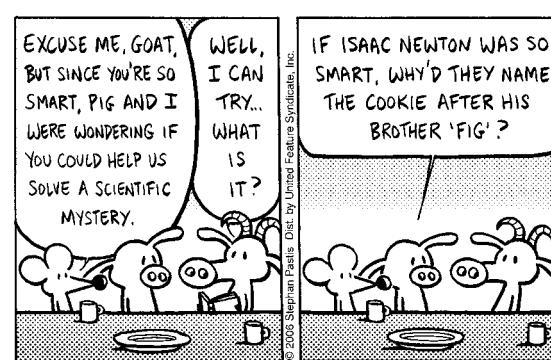


"How about boiled? You want boiled vegetables? We ran out of steam."

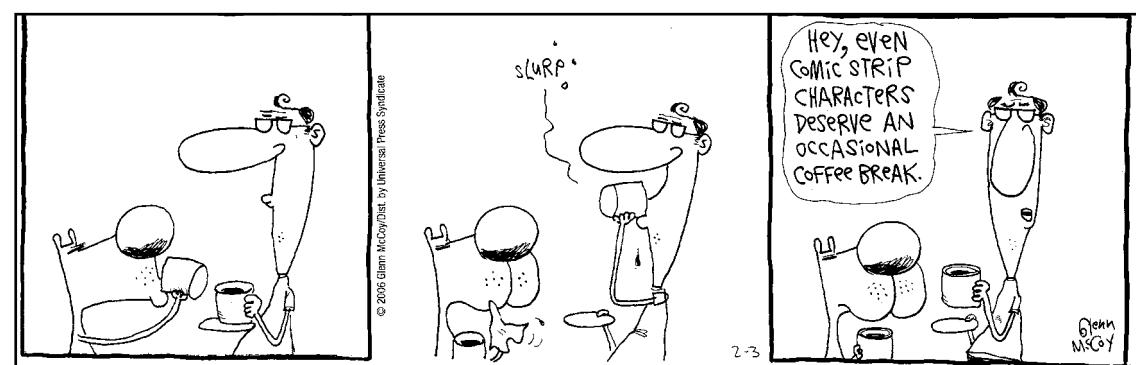
Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



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PUBLIC SANITATION

I value diversity. But is having to tolerate people using streets like a restroom a consequence of a diverse neighborhood? I haven't decided on that yet."

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THE Blog LOG

SADDAM IN DETROIT

"The last person to receive such an honor was in 1980 when the key was given to ... SADDAM HUSSEIN! Please tell me that Detroit has changed the locks since then!"

[DETROITFUNK.COM](#) NOTES THE PREVIOUS RECIPIENT OF THE KEY TO DETROIT BEFORE PITTSBURGH STEELER AND DETROIT NATIVE JEROME BETTIS RECEIVED IT THIS WEEK.

SADDAM IN IRAQ

"... I believe that the best way to give dictatorship a blow is to give Saddam a fair trial that builds the foundations of a society that runs by the law ..."

[IRAQTHEMODEL.BLOGSPOT.COM](#) ON THE TRIAL OF THE OUSTED DICTATOR IN IRAQ.



POLITICAL PAYBACK

"What will be really interesting now if Blunt ... takes out that anger on some of those people he thought he had commitments from. Although it's a secret ballot, I'm sure he's got some ideas as to who may have crossed him."

NOW THAT JOHN BOEHNER OF OHIO BEAT MISSOURI'S ROY BLUNT FOR HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER, [ANKLEBITINGPUNDITS.COM](#) WONDERS IF FRACTURES IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ON CAPITOL HILL WILL DEEPEN.

RETRIBUTION FOR LINDA CROPP?

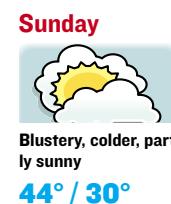
 "You've done your best to destroy D.C. baseball, but divine punishment from the Baseball God is heading your way."

NOW THAT THE BASEBALL STADIUM PRIVATE FINANCING PLAN HAS COLLAPSED, [BASEBALLCHURCH.BLOGSPOT](#) HOPES THAT CROPP'S MAYORAL ASPIRATIONS DIM.

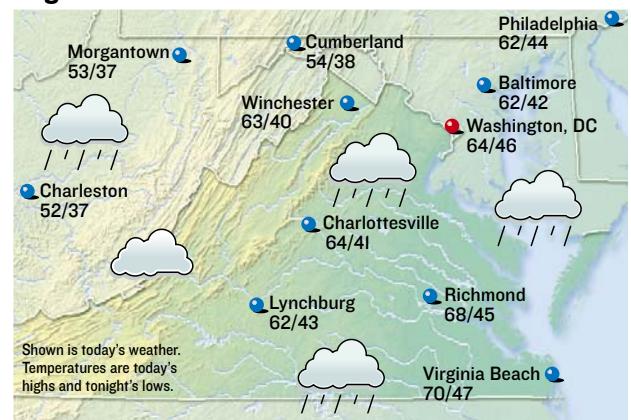


DON'T miss out just because you think the tie-in is lame. Sure, "Warm Up to a Museum" (culturaltourismdc.org) is a sort of sorry attempt to capitalize on the season (that's not been cold anyway) and get you into D.C. museums. But the events, Feb. 4-19, are worth checking out.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	55°
Low	36°
Normal high	44°
Normal low	28°
Average humidity	62%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.19"
Year to date	3.25"
Last year to date	3.31"
Normal year to date	3.40"

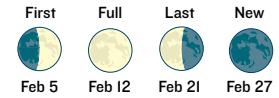
For up-to-the-minute weather, see: [washingtonpost.com/weather](#)

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, warm, rain ending early, becoming partly sunny later. High 64. Wind west-southwest 12-22 mph. Tonight, becoming cloudy. Low 46.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:32 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:05 a.m.
Moonset today	11:54 p.m.



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Sometimes you can wing it and be happy simply making it all up as you go along—but it is essential that you take a studied approach.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The beginning of the day may be spent solving a number of puzzles and you must look carefully at the most minute details to get the best results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The most difficulty you are likely to have will center around communication with someone who tends to intimidate you—unintentionally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may well be riding a wave of accomplishment these days—but right now you may want to slow down and examine a nagging personal issue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be able to spend only so much time cooperating with others before your desire to head off on your own becomes overwhelming.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're sure to have a great deal of help, but the fact is that you can win the greatest results simply by trusting your own system.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Give yourself more time to accomplish routine endeavors, for you may encounter more than one unexpected obstacle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others are eager for you to show them the way and indeed you will be able to help in more ways than can be anticipated. Don't hold back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone who appears to be a rival is really going to prove helpful to you before the day is out. The more people on your side the better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You should be able to progress according to plan, so long as you don't get yourself into something of a bureaucratic tangle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll derive the right kind of energy and the right kind of inspiration from your environment and the people in it. Be receptive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It is important that you do things one at a time and that you focus intently upon each individual endeavor as you tackle it.

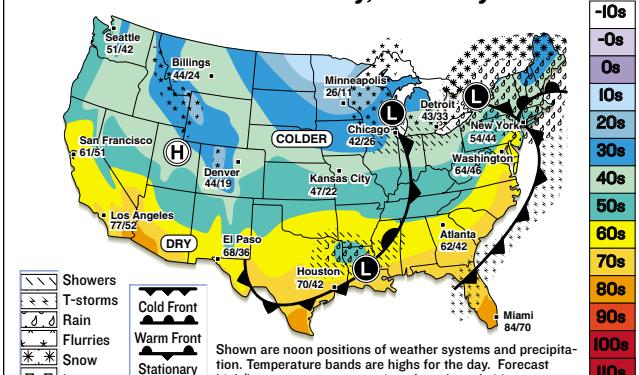
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National Cities

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Chicago	42/26/sh	30/20/sf
Dallas	66/38/r	65/38/s
Denver	44/19/pc	50/22/s
Honolulu	77/63/p	77/64/pc
Los Angeles	77/52/s	70/52/s
Miami	84/70/sh	78/48/t
New York City	54/44/r	52/40/r
Orlando	80/62/t	72/50/t
Seattle	51/42/r	50/40/r

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	39/32/c	41/37/pc
Athens	61/46/pc	61/46/pc
Berlin	32/25/c	30/18/sf
Buenos Aires	84/70/c	81/70/sh
Calgary	42/22/pc	42/20/c
Dublin	45/36/c	45/36/c
Geneva	43/28/c	44/27/pc
Moscow	-2/18/pc	2/0/sn
Rome	63/41/pc	61/45/pc
Sydney	79/72/sh	75/70/sh
Tokyo	50/32/p	45/30/pc

s—sunny, pc—partly cloudy, c—cloudy, sh—showers, t—thunderstorms, r—rain, sf—snow flurries, sn—snow, i—ice.

LOOK out People



A Lostie in the news ... but no DUI?

CRAZY!**'Lost' Actor Isn't Terrorizing The Highways of Hawaii**

One of the actors on "Lost" left behind his star power to promote a different type of strength — harmony and hope. **ADEWALE AKINUOYE-AGBAJE**, a devout Buddhist, quietly delivered the traditional daily prayer before the Hawaii state Senate on Wednesday. "I thank you very much, deeply, from the root of my heart because I believe this is what my mission is in life to share this practice and to create dialogue with others," he said. (AP)

DULL**Kate Flees Boringly**

British model **KATE MOSS** flew out of Britain on Thursday, 48 hours after being interviewed by police over allegations that she used cocaine. Moss boarded a flight at Heathrow Airport bound for Miami. On Tuesday, Moss met detectives in London to discuss her alleged cocaine use. (AP)

**DRUGS****Everyone Now: 'How Rude'**

Adjusting to life after "Full House" proved tricky for **JODIE SWEETIN**, who played middle sister Stephanie Tanner. On Wednesday's "Good Morning America," the 24-year-old actress revealed that she is a recovering meth addict who once

had a daily drug habit, E! Online reported. With no job, she decided to experiment with drugs. After a three-day bender, former co-stars Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, John Stamos, and Bob Saget staged an intervention, sending her into rehab. She has been sober since March of last year. (EXPRESS)

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THANKS**Heather Screws Up D.C. Bon Jovi Concert**

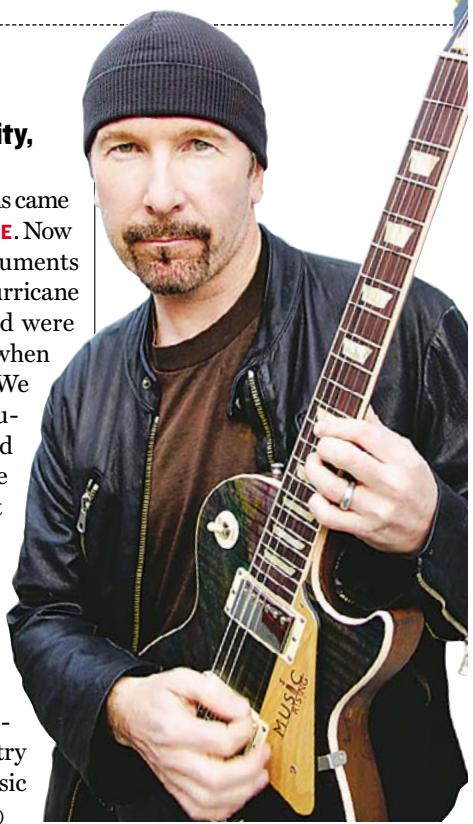
Just hours before Bon Jovi played the MCI Center Thursday night, People.com reported that guitarist Richie Sambora and **HEATHER LOCKLEAR** are splitsville. The 44-year-old actress and 46-year-old rocker had been married for 11 years and have an 8-year-old daughter, Ava Elizabeth. In December, rumors



surfaced that things might not be going swimmingly for the pair, but they told the New York Daily News, "The real story is that there is no story. The truth is that after 11 years together, we are still happily married. Boring but true." No word on whether "The Perfect Man" star, who was previously hitched to Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee, has moved on to another rock star. (EXPRESS)

HRMM**Because I Randomly Stored Stuff in This City, I Will Now Rescue It'**

A few years ago, New Orleans came to the rescue of U2's **THE EDGE**. Now he's helping provide instruments to musicians blasted by Hurricane Katrina. He and his band were in New Orleans in 2001 when tragedy struck at home. "We lost an awful lot of instruments in Dublin in a flood ... The storage area where we had all our equipment was completely flooded. But luckily my main guitars were with us in New Orleans." In 2005, after Katrina devastated New Orleans — a city he calls "very unique and very special" — he was inspired to try to help. The result was Music Rising, his new charity. (AP)



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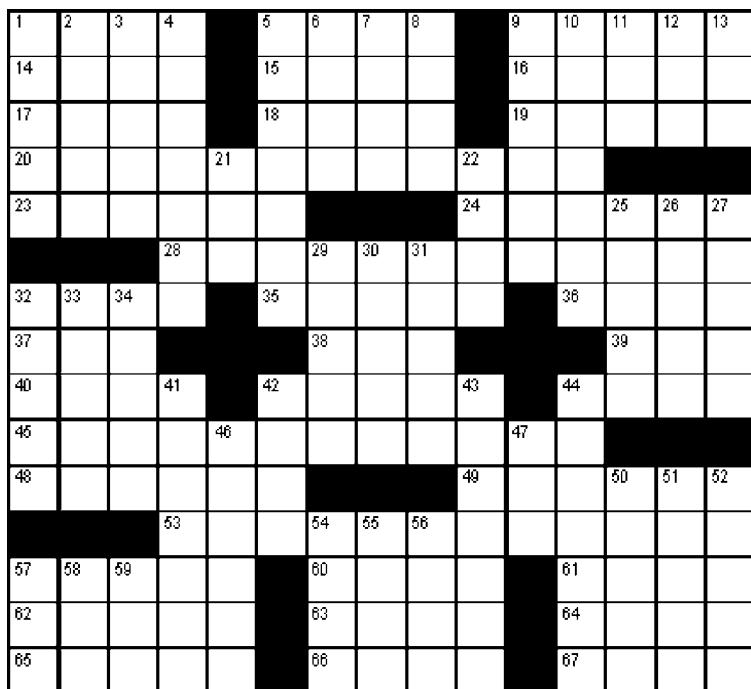
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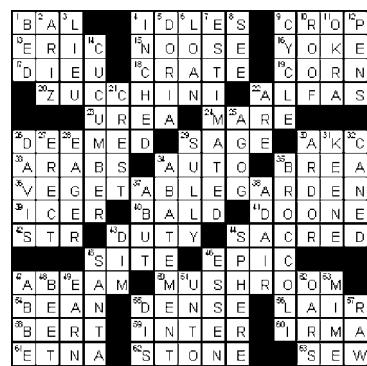
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- 45 Negotiate
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- 49 The Entertainer
- 53 Calf-length slacks
- 57 Avoid cancellation



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- 65 Trivial
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- 21 Confused noise
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- 25 Frightful giants
- 26 Calendar col. heading
- 27 Shorthand pro
- 29 Successfully
- 30 Was audibly impressed
- 31 Without a break
- 32 Masticates
- 33 Fracas
- 34 One of Nixon's vices?
- 41 Biblical reptile
- 42 Cheryl or Alan
- 43 Worldly, not spiritual
- 44 Veteran
- 46 Elbowroom
- 47 D.D.E. beat him twice
- 50 Rally to even the score again
- 51 One of a Chekhov trio
- 52 Poli-sci buff's cable station
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- 57 Grammy category
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Yesterday's Solution



Sunday in The Washington Post



Spring Arts Preview: Stay on your toes this spring with a selection of shows, such as Argentine dancer Julio Bocca's final D.C. bow — plus a wide array of local highlights from a culturally crowded season. | *Arts*

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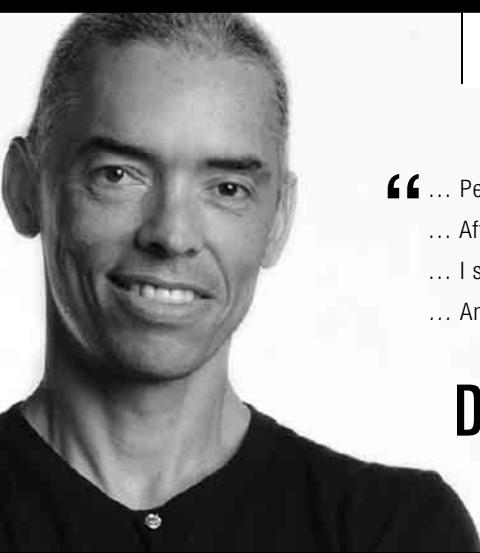
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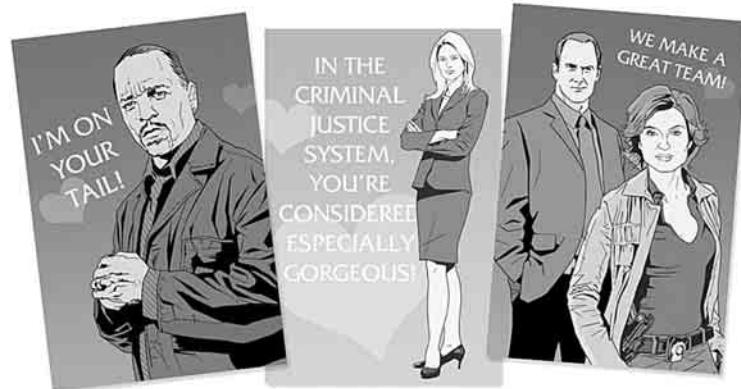
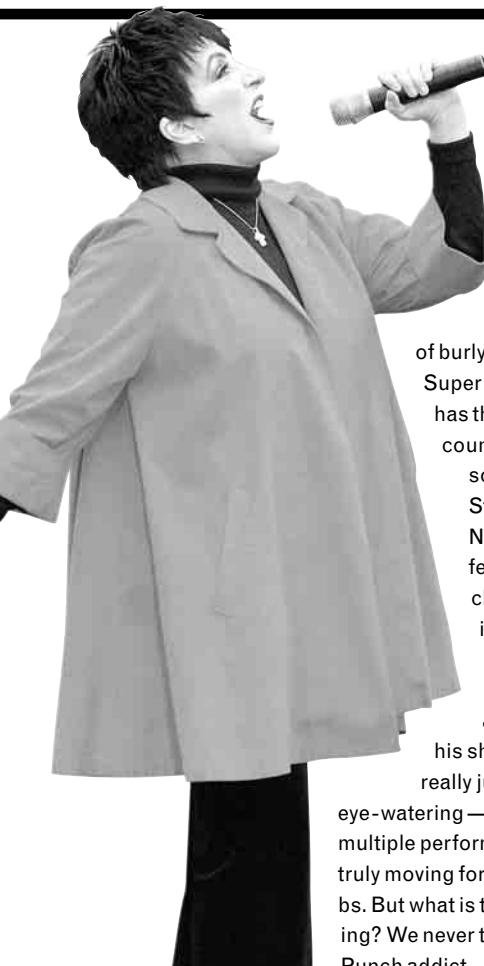
3 Cereal

General Mills is attempting to improve on cereal perfection with Berry Lucky Charms. The marshmallows are the same, but the cereal part is now berry-flavored and what we guess is intended to be berry-colored (it's a disturbing bruise hue). The new version tastes sweeter, though it's not—both have 13 grams of sugar per serving. There's still a freaky leprechaun on the box, though.



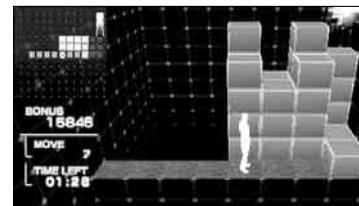
5 Liza Vs. Super Bowl

For anyone who can't remember which teams of burly men are playing in the Super Bowl on Sunday, Bravo has thought up the ultimate counterprogramming: an episode of "Inside the Actors Studio" with Liza Minnelli. Not only does the program feature the award-winning child of Judy Garland spilling the beans on her childhood and her "method," it marks the first time host James Lipton cries during his show. The teary moment—really just a few sniffles and some eye-watering—follows one of Minnelli's multiple performances, all of which are truly moving for musical theater dweebs. But what is that red stuff she's drinking? We never took Liza to be a Hawaiian Punch addict.



4 'Law and Order' Valentines

Your second-grader would have been the hippest kid in class, or perhaps suspended, for distributing these Valentines inspired by the hit TV show "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." The set of ten, including one on which Richard Belzer is juxtaposed with "Hey Cutie!", proved so popular that artist Brandon Bird (brandonbird.com) had to stop taking orders.



2 IQ Tests

Video games: They build us up, and they break us down. "PQ: Practical Intelligence Quotient" for PSP tests your IQ with brutal spatial relationship puzzles. It also involves a lot of cursing and self-doubt when it turns out you're not as smart as you thought you were.



1 Bitterness

The new whyihatedc blogger got off to an auspicious start in his first week by moving out of the District and into the Maryland 'burbs. He doesn't drive, so expect Metro rants.

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" ... Penguins, we need to talk ...
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DOORS OPENING: Randi Miller, winner of Metro's "Closing Doors Voice" contest, will command 700,000 riders to behave.

Talk the Line

Fame is the next stop for Metro's new voice

PAGING FOLKS OVER THE INTERCOM

at an Alexandria Lexus dealership didn't do justice to the smooth jazzy voice of Randi Miller. The 44-year-old Woodbridge resident's pipes snagged a more appropriate perch this week as the winner of Metro's "Closing Doors Voice" contest. By the end of the month, riders will be hearing her clearly enunciated command, "For your safety, please step back," and other phrases meant to resonate deeply with the masses. But Metro is just the beginning for the former singer-songwriter (who describes her sound as a mix of Tracey Chapman and James Taylor), who wants to go big time with her dulcet tones. She spoke melodiously to Express's Vicky Hallett.

You're such a celebrity now.

I was on channel 5 and channel 9. I was just in the studios — that was awesome.

What's the weirdest thing about all of this?

The whole thing is weird. The press conference was in the Gallery Place Metro and I didn't have a cell signal. So then when I was riding back on the train to work, we left the tunnel and then it was voice mail, voice mail, voice mail, text message, text message, text message. When I was on the trains this morning coming to work from the TV stations, people reading the paper kept looking back and forth between me and my picture.

To have 700,000 people taking my orders every day is kind of a power trip."

Have people come out of the wood-work?

I've already had a childhood friend call me.

But you're not a big Metro rider?

Unfortunately, it's not very convenient for me where I live. But I ride it once or twice a week to get downtown.

Do you have a favorite Metro stop?
I'd have to say Gallery Place-Chinatown.

That's where I found out I won and that's always been my transfer point to the Red Line. The art there is beautiful too.

Have you ever eaten on the Metro?
No. I'm very law-abiding.

The whole point of this contest was to find someone more authoritative. Do you like ordering people around?

To be honest, it's not something I've done. But to have 700,000 people taking my orders every day is kind of a power trip.

You could make them do lots of things.

Like "Take two steps back," or "Turn around."

How did your co-workers get you to enter?

My general manager told me about it and I immediately plugged my microphone into my computer.

How many times did you record yourself before sending the tape?

Once. I'm one-take Randi.

Do you think a lot about your voice?

I enunciate well and I like to project. And I think about what I'm going to say before I say it, especially when speaking to customers.

I understand your dad is also into voiceovers?

He's got a great voice. He does a mean Donald Duck impression. He entered the contest as well.

But no hard feelings that you won?

No, both of my parents are very excited for me.

So what are your voiceover aspirations?

I'd like to be the voice of something. The Metro is great, but I'd like to say more than "Doors closing." There's the Lexus guy, who only does Lexus. Something like that would be wonderful.

Maybe you could take over?

He's in pretty good health.

Any other offers so far?

Not yet. But I have a feeling they're coming. I hope they're coming. We'll see.

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Thus, the Manolo he would recommend to his friend the high-heeled slingback. Because this it is the perfect occasion for the appearance of the justly famous little black dress, the shoe it must also be black. With

these things in mind, the Manolo suggests the Odessa by the Claudia Ciuti (\$120, zappos.com). It has the slender straps, and the interesting detail on the vamp, and it retains the air of professionalism. It is even on the sale!

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On the Cover

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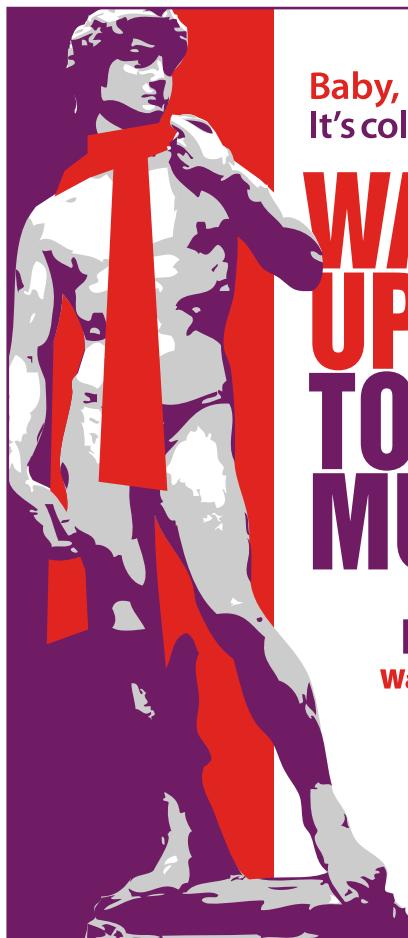
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Casa de Tapas

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Long waits for tables at tapas temple Jaleo emphasize the rock star-like popularity of Spanish small plates. Yeah, other countries do the nosh-as-meal thing—Lebanese mezze, Chinese dim sum. But Latin love for snack culture runs so deep that folks in Madrid and Barcelona have a verb, *tapear*, that translates “to tapas-bar hop.” The wee dishes make a delicioso evening in (and a fitting way to follow a visit to the Sixth Annual Flamenco Festival, Feb. 4-17).

“Go to the supermarket, buy a few eggs and some potatoes, maybe some olives, and you’ve got a tapas party at home,” said José Andrés, chef-owner of Jaleo and author of “Tapas: A Taste of Spain in America” (he’s signing the book on the last night of the flamenco fest, see lisner.org). The recipes, from Chickpea and Spinach Stew to Lamb with Honey Allioli, emphasize why small plates make a good big spread: variety, variety, variety. Adventurous eaters might tuck into Andrés’ octopus with potato and pimentón; hard-to-cook-for vegan amigos could go for leeks with mushrooms.

Many tapas involve nothing more than opening a jar of olives,



slicing Manchego cheese or laying out prosciutto-like jamón Serrano. La Tienda (tienda.com) imports Marcona almonds, stinky-but-bueno Cabrales cheese and, for dinnertime drama, legs of ham. “At an American party, there’s often a bowl of shrimp, some chips and maybe a crab dip,” said La Tienda’s Don Harris. “Tapas flavors — dry-cured

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ham, sheep’s milk cheese — are different but still appealing.”

Tapas go well with sangria or Spanish wines. Food friendly sippers: Sauvignon Blanc-like Verdejo or cava, Spain’s answer to champagne. “Cavas are clean, crisp and perfect for lighter tapas like Manchego or patatas bravas [potatoes in spicy sauce],” said local vino blogger Andrew Stover of chiefwino.com.

Plumparty.com co-founder Melinda Konopko says hosts can channel Old Seville by simply hanging streamers in Spanish-flag yellow and red, or attaching place cards to mini-maracas. (Her site sells straw ones for \$16 a set.) Flamenco guitarists strum in Spanish tapas bars, so a soundtrack could include legendary Paco de Lucía’s latest release, “Cositas Buenas.” “What’s important is remembering that Spanish sense of fun,” said Konopko. “Just keep the sangria flowing.” JENNIFER BARGER



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Hot & Bothered: An Evening in Bed. Writers Jonathan Ames, Lynn Harris and Neal Pollack tell tales of illicit sex and the dangers of falling in love with the wrong people (such as a Jew-lovin' skinhead). DCJCC, 1529 16th St. NW; Tue., 7:30 p.m., \$8; 888-621-2230; nextbook.org. (Dupont Circle)

Love is a Battlefield. In honor of one of the most dreaded holidays of the year — the big V-Day — catch seven film shorts that critically capture the slippery nature of relationships. National Museum of Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Ave. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., \$5; 202-783-7370; nmwa.org. (Metro Center)

Mistress. Take your powerful married man (or woman) to Landless Theatre Co.'s original play, which shows how greats like Marilyn Monroe and Eva Braun made sex work for them. DCAC, 2438 18th St. NW; Fri. through March 12, \$18; 301-515-4494; landlesstheatre.org.

Sounds of Brazil. Warm up with the sultry bossa nova sounds of singer-songwriter Rosa Passos. Voice of America Auditorium, 330 Independence Ave., SW. Thu., 7:30 p.m., \$25; 202-252-0012; residentassociates.org. (Federal Center)

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... Take the Kids

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Langston Hughes, the stamp.

... Get Fit

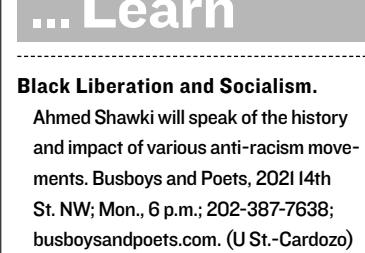
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Step Your Game Up. Greek steppers from up and down the East Coast are gathering for this 9th annual step show as they battle to become the D.C. champions. GWU Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St., NW; Fri., 7 p.m., \$12 (\$15 at the door); 202-994-6800; lisner.org.

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Sweet Weekend

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Chocoholics gearing up for Super Bowl competitiveness can look in on the **CHOCOLATE CHALLENGE**, in which professional and amateur chefs create cakes and sculptures that are judged on taste as well as artistic presentation (Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12 p.m.-4 p.m., \$1, City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St.). Also on tap: chocolate-themed story-telling sessions, lessons on the history of chocolate in the United States and an open house at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, where the docents will tempt visitors with chocolate goodies (Sat. and Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., free, 10209 Main St.).

... Gaze

African Art Now: Masterpieces from the Jean Pigozzi Collection. Featuring 28 artists from 15 different African countries. National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Ave. SW; through Feb. 26, free; 202-633-4600; nmafa.si.edu. (Smithsonian)

Ageless Spectrum. This exhibit features artwork by residents of area nursing homes where art has been used as therapy. Atheneum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria; Fri. through March 3, with opening reception Fri., 10:30 a.m., free; 703-548-0035; nvfaa.org.

Myths and Machines. Mariah Josephy's sculptures and prints are inspired by Irish and Greek myths. Gallery 10, 1519 Connecticut Ave. NW; through Feb. 25, free; 202-232-3326; gallery10dc.com. (Dupont Circle)

Prison Art. Selected works by prison inmates across the country will be displayed and sold. Touchstone Gallery, 406 7th St. NW; Wed. through March 5, reception Feb. 10, 6 p.m., free; 202-393-1511 or 202-347-2787; touchstonegallery.com. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)



From African Art Now at the Smithsonian.

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The Explorer King.

Robert Wilson will discuss his new biography about the life of scientist-explorer Clarence King, credited for changing the landscape of the 19th century American West. Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Ave. SE; Wed., noon, free; loc.gov.



American Vertigo. Bernard-Henri Lévy shares stories from his travels throughout the country, including a visit to a submarine in Norfolk, spending time at the Mormon Tabernacle and following John Kerry on the campaign trail. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave.; Fri., 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919; politics-prose.com.

... Listen

Air Force Band Guest Performance.

After 40 years and hundreds of guest stars, Irish tenor Ronan Tynan will open the new season. DAR Constitution Hall, 18th and D streets NW; Sun., 3 p.m., free; 202-767-5658; usafband.com.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo. You remember these South African masters of a capella from Paul Simon's album "Graceland." Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; Thu., 8 p.m., \$32-\$40; 301-581-5100; strathmore.org. (Grosvenor)

Shakespeare & Love. The Alexandria Symphony performs works by Mendelssohn, Prokofiev and Elvis Costello — all inspired by Shakespeare. Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria; Sat., 8 p.m. \$20-\$80; 703-548-0885; alexsym.org.

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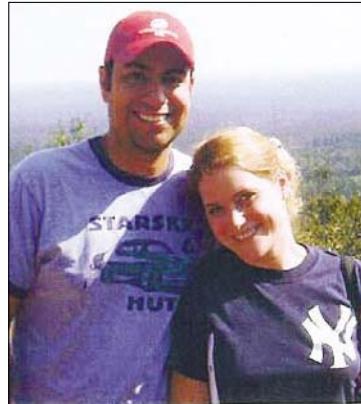
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BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS



Lindsey Ferris, Carlos Veas

Lindsey, 27, is a contractor for the Department of Energy. Carlos, 28, is a general contractor working with an architectural firm in Alexandria. They live in Oakton, Va.

WEDDING: An informal, outdoor ceremony for about 90 guests on April 29 in Mount Vernon.

HONEYMOON: Los Cabos, Mexico.

FIRST DATE: Dinner at Bertucci's in Tysons Corner, followed by "Pay it Forward."

HOW HE PROPOSED: For Christmas

2003, Carlos made a rabbit at Build-a-Bear and tied the ring around its neck. "I couldn't believe it. I looked from him to the ring, and kept asking, 'Are you serious?'"

MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM: Lindsey's Adidas flip flops. "They're not real shoes, and she wears them everywhere!" said Carlos

STUPIDEST FIGHT: "Carlos is allergic to cats, and I come from a 'cat family.' When I finally lived in an apartment that allowed pets, I must have cried for hours because I couldn't get one. The next day we picked out a puppy from a no-kill shelter."

PROCESSIONAL: Coldplay's "Yellow."

MMM, CAKE: The top and bottom tiers are red velvet, the middle is chocolate chip.

“ My first impression of Lindsey was she's the package deal. Smart, pretty, down to earth.”

Carlos Colón, Erika Garrett

Erika, 26, is an internal auditor. Carlos, 27, is a controller for a construction company. Erika lives in Springfield but will be moving to Puerto Rico, where Carlos lives.

WEDDING: A Catholic ceremony on April 8, followed by a black-tie reception at a D.C. hotel.

HONEYMOON: Argentina.

HOW THEY MET: When they were 15, attending a summer camp held

at Georgetown University. They kept in touch, and Erika visited in 1997. After that, they didn't see each other in person again until 2004.

FIRST DATE: An Argentinian restaurant in Puerto Rico, where Erika was on a business trip.

HOW HE PROPOSED: Erika had a terrible cold and it was pouring rain



outside. Though he'd planned a romantic beach proposal, Carlos ended up proposing in their hotel room in San Juan.

THEIR SONG: Their first dance will be to "At Last" by Etta James. "It feels like it's taking forever for us to get married," said Carlos.

STUPIDEST FIGHT: "It's probably the fight we had when I had *finally* put the non-refundable deposit down on the band (I had agonized over band vs. DJ for weeks, and consulted Carlos numerous times) only to have Carlos tell me, 'I don't think we should have a band.'"

WHEN HE KNEW: On their first date, said Carlos. "The next night I told her I was going to marry her and she laughed in my face."



David Heinen, Karla Smith

David, 31, is an attorney for Dorn and Klamp. Karla, 25, is an editorial coordinator for the Federal Bar Association. They live in Arlington.

WEDDING: A Catholic mass at their Arlington church on May 13, followed by a relaxed, partially outdoors reception. They expect around 100 guests.

HONEYMOON: Kiawah Island, in South Carolina.

HOW THEY MET: Over the phone. Karla was volunteering for a church ministry David coordinated. They met in person for the first time in the sacristy of their church.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "I thought

“ For two

relatively shy people who had never met, we had quite a long conversation."

David was too nice, so there must be something wrong," said Karla. (There wasn't.)

HOW HE PROPOSED: At church on Easter Sunday, in the spot where they first met.

MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM: "I would say all of his Duke clothing, but there is a certain 2001 National Championship T-shirt that is particularly offensive. Go Terps!"

PET NAMES: "We don't have cutesy names," said Karla. "We don't admit to calling each other by cutesy names," said David.



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Last Week's Solution

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How to Play

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As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another. As always, there's only one solution, which will appear in next week's edition of LookOut Weekend.



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